

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Sitting in Traffic: Liturgical Time & an Unhurried God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God's Time is Best

by Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Joy, wonder, delight—

P: Doubt, peace, restlessness—

L: Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety—

P: Confidence, hope, pardon:

L: We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

P: Unburdened and awaiting,

L: we come seeking signs of the living God:

P: may we sense something holy in this time; may we reach out to mystery.

L: May we see God today. In our worship and in our living, let us make God's love visible.

P: Let us worship God, Holy Mystery, Eternal Love.

OPENING HYMN NO. 2236 (FWS, see p. 3)

Gather Us In

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: O Holy God, we know we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling tightly when we could give freely. Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2152 (FWS, see p. 4)

Change My Heart, O God

ALL SING: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

SUNDAY SONGS
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

I Love Him Better Every D-A-Y

by Elkins

SCRIPTURE (read by Vanessa Bicher)
MESSAGE

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 & Hebrews 11: 1-16

HYMN NO. 2203 (FWS, see p. 5)

In His Time

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Pastor Danielle)

I Believe

by JJ Heller

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

He's Always Been Faithful

by Groves

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2160 (FWS, v. 2, see p. 5)

Into My Heart

**ALL SING: Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart,
Lord Jesus; shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart,
Lord Jesus.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 423 (black hymnal, see p. 6)

Great is Your Faithfulness

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

by Handel

Thank you to Jack Herlocker for serving on the tech team at 8 AM and to Ron Miles & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team at 10:30 AM this morning! Thank you to our vocalists, Cora Beyer, Jordyn Myers, & Debbie Butcher for leading the hymns and responses this morning! Thank you to Pastor Danielle for providing special music this morning. Thank you to Vanessa Bicher for reading Scripture this morning!

¹ The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel and was posted on her website, *Hold Fast to What is Good*, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/> and was accessed on October 1, 2020.

² The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and was posted on her website, *Hold Fast to What is Good*, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/> and was accessed on October 1, 2020.

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Gather Us In

Piano 

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2. We are the young - our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old - who
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

4 

van - ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
 yearn for your face, we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light - years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing

7 

brought here to you in the light of this day _____ Gath - er us in - the
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____ Gath - er us in - the
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____ Give us to drink the
 now is the King - dom now is the day. _____ Gath - er us in and

12 


lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
 wine of com - pas - ion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour - ish us well and
 hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and make us your own; gath - er us in - all

16 

we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Change My Heart O God

$\text{♩} = 80$
Piano 
Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____

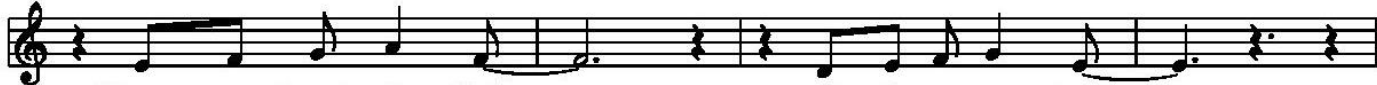
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Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

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You are the Po - ter, I am the clay. _____

13

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.


17

Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____

21

Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____


In His Time

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 


1. In his time, _____ in his time; _____ he makes all things beau - ti -
2. In your time, _____ in your time; _____ you make all things beau - ti -

7



- ful in his time. _____ Lord, please show me ev - ery day as you're
- ful in your time. _____ Lord, my life to you I bring; may each

12



teach - ing me your way, that you do just what you say in your time. _____
song I have to sing be to you a love - ly thing in your time. _____

Into My Heart

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Je - sus; shine

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out to - day, shine out al - ways; shine out of my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Great Is Your Faithfulness

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

5



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see. You do not
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove, Join with all
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide. Strength for to -

10



change, your com - pas - sions they fail not; all of your good - ness for -
na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness to your great faith - ful - ness,
- day and bright hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine with ten

15



- ev - er will be. Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness!
mer - cy, and love.
thou - sand be - side.

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Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

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hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!