

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

*All Saints Sunday*

*Sleeping: Sabbath, Rest and the Work of God*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION     *Whisper to My Heart*     by Angerman/Martin

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

L: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

**P: “Let there be light!”**

L: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

**P: “I am the Light of the world.”**

L: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

**P: The ones in whom God’s light shines.**

L: So let us give thanks for the saints of this day,

**P: And let us worship God.**

L: We gather this morning to remember our call:

**P: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

L: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

**P: Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.**

L: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

**P: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,**

L: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN NO. 295 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

## TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones.**

So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 143 (Methodist hymnal, see p. 5) *On Eagle's Wings*

**ALL SING:** And God will raise you up on Eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

SUNDAY SONGS

*My God is so Big*

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Andrew Texter & Marcus Alfonso)

*1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 & 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-15*

MESSAGE

**ALL SAINTS LITURGY & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL SING** (see p. 5): Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum bah yah. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone's praying, Lord. Kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

L: Loving and holy God—you are our God and we are Your people- and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own... In this time of prayer, may your gentle embrace and loving countenance be felt...

**ALL SING** (see p. 5): Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

We need you, Lord, kum ba yah. We need you, Lord, kum ba yah. We need you, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

L: Loving God, in this time of challenge and change, you know the places in our hearts where we are afraid... We ask in Jesus' name, whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace. Jesus who taught us to pray together saying...

**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.**

**HYMN NO. 2283** (FWS, see p. 6)

*For All the Saints*

## **OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Liturgy of the Ordinary Video*

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2227 (FWS, see p. 6)

*We Are the Body of Christ*

**ALL SING: One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CLOSING HYMN 299** (black hymnal, see p. 7)

*For All the Saints*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*O Savior for the Saints (Festal Song)*

by Walter

Thank you to Hunter King, Mary Jane Snyder, & Dave Beyer for serving on the tech team at 10:30 AM this morning! Thank you to our vocalists, Paula Strayer, Andrew Texter, Debbie Butcher, & Mike Gibbs for leading the hymns and responses this morning and providing an anthem. Thank you to Andrew Texter and Marcus Alfonso for reading Scripture this morning!

<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel and found at <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/> and accessed on October 20, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted to <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/> and accessed on October 20, 2020.

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# I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,  
 2. They loved their God and they lived that love.  
 3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

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faith - ful their whole lives through, who brave - ly la - bored,  
 lov - ing that made them strong. They did what was right, for  
 hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The world is filled with

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lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And  
 Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their whole lives long. And  
 liv - ing saints who choose to do God's will. You can

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one was a doc - tor and one was a queen, and an - oth - er a shep - herd in  
 one was a pro - phet, and one was a priest, and an - oth - er was slain by a  
 meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a church, in a train, in a

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pas - tures green: they were saints of God if you know what I mean. God,  
 fierce wild beast: there is no earth - ly rea - son, none in the least, why  
 shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like you and like me, and

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help me to be one, too.  
 I should - n't be one, too.  
 I mean to be one, too.

# On Eagle's Wings

**Piano** ♩ = 80

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
 5 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the  
 9 palm of God's hand.

# Kum Ba Yah

**Piano** ♩ = 80

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba  
 2. Some - one's pray - ing Lord, kum ba yah. Some - one's  
 3. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba  
 4. We need you Lord, kum ba yah. We need you Lord, kum ba

4 yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba  
 pray - ing Lord, kum ba yah. Some - one's pray - ing Lord, kum ba  
 yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba  
 need you Lord, kum ba yah. We need you Lord, kum ba

7 yah.  
 yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

# We Are the Body of Christ

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

One heart, one Spir - it, one voice to praise you, we are the  
 7 bod - y of Christ. One goal, one vi - sion: To see you ex -  
 13 - alt - ed. We are the bod - y of Christ.

# For All The Saints: Faith We Sing

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. For all the saints who've shown your love in how they  
 2. For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith in -  
 3. For all the saints who named your will, and showed the  
 4. Bless all whose will or name or love re - flects the  
 4 live and where they move, for mind - ful wo - men, car - ing  
 - creased the Sav - ior's fame, who sang your songs and shared your  
 king - dom com - ing still through self - less pro - test, prayer, and  
 grace of heaven a - bove. Though un - ac - claimed by earth - ly  
 7 men, ac - cept our gra - ti - tude a - gain.  
 praise, ac - cept our gra - ti - tude, good Lord.  
 praise, ac - cept the gra - ti - tude, we raise.  
 powers, your life through theirs has hal - lowed ours.

# For All the Saints

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2. You were their rock, their re - fuge, and their might:  
 3. Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4. Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine,

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who to the world their stead - fast faith con - fessed, your  
 you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; mid  
 live as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

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name, O Je - sus be for - ev - er blessed. Al -  
 gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.  
 share with them a glo - rious crown of gold.  
 in your love our faith - ful lives en - twine.

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le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!