

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Coming from a week of unrest,

P: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

L: Coming with our breath taken away by challenge and uncertainty,

P: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

L: And though we may feel disjointed, as though we are a valley of dry bones,

P: the Spirit of God brings connection and continuity in our lives.

L: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

P: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

L: We open our hearts in worship to a hope that will endure, a light that will persist.

P: Open our lives, O God, and bind us together for holy service in your name.

OPENING HYMN

Hear My Prayer for Unity

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TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, you call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and instead we choose to carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones, bring freedom to these lives, that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Brenda Beyer)
MESSAGE

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

HYMN NO. 292 (black hymnal)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

God, We Have Come From Our Families and Homes

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch, & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team at 10:30 AM this morning! Thank you to our vocalists, Braden Bicher, Brenda Beyer, & Tom Bair for leading the hymns and responses this morning and providing an anthem. Thank you to Brenda Beyer for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as our guest accompanist this morning!

¹ The Call to Worship is a combination of liturgies found at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4558/worship-connection-march-29-2020> and <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4820/worship-elements-march-29-2020>.

² The prayer of confession was written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

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Hear My Prayer for Unity

Piano 

1. Hear my pray-er for u - ni - ty," Je - sus prayed for all his own.
2. God, we live in great dis-cord, torn by iss - ues we hold dear;
3. By your Spir - it, make us one; so the world will come to know

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"May these ones you've given to me live the love that I have shown.
E - ven as we call you Lord, we still cling to pride and fear.
All the love of Christ the Son, all your joys that ov - er - flow.

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Mine are yours and yours are mine; in them I am glor - i - fied!
Bound to - geth - er, we'd be free; we could join in serv - ing you!
Help us put a - side our strife; give your church a hum - ble mind!

13 

Now I send them as a sign; so may they be un - i - fied.
For the best the - o - lo - gy starts when love makes all things new.
Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, streng - then now the ties that bind.

On Eagle's Wings

♩ = 80

Piano

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

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breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the

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palm of God's hand.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

♩ = 80

Piano

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a -
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de -
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er

6

- new That I may love the way you love and
 pure, Un - til with you I will one will, to
 - sire: That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may
 die, But live with you the per - fect life of

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do what you would do.
 do and to en - dure.
 glow with ho - ly fire.
 your e - ter - ni - ty.

We Are the Body of Christ

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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.

God We Have Come From Our Families and Homes

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. God we have come from our fam - ilies and homes,
 2. You sent us Je - sus, who prayed for his own:
 3. Great strength and might will not bring us suc - cess
 4. Lord, as we wor - ship and sight - see and play,
 5 Seek - ing the things that will make us all one.
 "Make them all one so your love will be known."
 Yet by your Spir - it our lives will be blest!
 And as we list - en to what oth - ers say
 9 For we know now, the things that di - vide
 Mak - ing new friends we may un - der - stand
 Give us new dreams of what life can be;
 Days turn to weeks un - til this time ends;
 13 And how di - vi - sions have hurt us in - side.
 We are love's - bear - ers through - out ev - ery - land.
 Help us to work for a new har - mo - ny.
 Gath - ered as stran - gers, may we leave as friends.