

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Second Sunday After Epiphany

10:30AM

Guiding Stars: Service & Responsibility

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Well Done is the Work of God

by Gastorius

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God, our Holy Parent has made us to be One Body with many members.

P: United and uniting. This is our calling.

L: God calls us into service, to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

P: United and uniting. This is our redemption.

L: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

P: United and uniting. This is our worship.

L: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

OPENING HYMN NO. 583 (black hymnal, see p. 3) *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We confess that you have called the worlds into being, have created humankind in the divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death. We know this, we know that you have entrusted us with this responsibility, and yet we stray from your path of abundant life. We stray frequently, sometimes surreptitiously, sometimes boldly, and we come to you now in recognition that without your grace we can do naught but fail. Forgive us, your beloved children, and restore us back to life-giving paths.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2056 (TFWS, v. 3, see p. 3)

God is So Good

**ALL SING: God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so,
God's so good to me.**

SUNDAY SONGS

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Andrew Texter & Marcus Alfonso)
MESSAGE

1 Samuel 3:1-20

HYMN 448 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 593 (UMH, see p. 5)

Here I Am, Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

by Harris

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Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

♩ = 80
Piano



1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped out
3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

4



close in her de - light, Fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, Left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of peace and

7



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

God is So Good

♩ = 80
Piano



1. God loves me so, God loves me so,

5



God loves me so, God's so good to me.

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed
2. Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse
3. Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and
4. Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing

4



faith - ful - ly. Take my mo - ments and my days,
of your love. Take my in - tel - lect and use
mine be one. Take my heart, and by your grace
ov - er - flow. Take me now, and help me be

7



let them flow in cease - less praise.
all its pow - ers as you choose.
make of it your dwell - ing place.
part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Here I Am Lord

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

5



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

9



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

13



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I

17



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

21



I have heard you call - ing in the night.

25



I will go Lord, if you lead me.

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I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.