

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Third Sunday After Epiphany

10:30AM

Guiding Stars: Celebration & Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Majesty

by Hayford

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are ready, O God.

P: Ready to hear your voice. Ready to love.

L: Ready to shout with loud voices for those without their own voice.

P: Ready to love neighbors with hands and hearts.

L: Come, Spirit of God, Uphold our readiness. Put within our hearts a song of exuberant joy.

P: Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 28 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Exuberant God, creator and perfecter of all beauty, we confess that we often fail to appreciate the splendor that is life on earth. Invisible oxygen fills our fragile lungs, giving us life. Invisible carbon dioxide escapes from our lungs, preserving life. Our hearts beat in perfect, life-giving rhythms. Our ears and eyes behold beauty every day. And yet we miss it. We become bogged down in dreariness, pulled by our longings rather than by the innumerable forces calling us toward astonishment. With our breaths this morning, still these longings. Tame these destructive tendencies. And tune our hearts to be the instruments of praise we were created to be.

Silent confession

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2056 (TFWS, v. 3, see p. 4)

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
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

SCRIPTURE (read by Brenda Beyer)
MESSAGE

Psalm 33:1-12

ANTHEM

Everyone Rejoice

by Poorman & Poorman

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. 75 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Lord, Make Me More Holy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

by Handel

Thank you to Brenda Beyer for reading scripture this morning. Thank you to Ron Miles, Elaine Bevivino, & Hunter King for serving on the tech team, to Barb Neff for leading the hymns, and to members of the worship choir for providing the virtual anthem.


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For the Beauty of the Earth


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
3. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
4. For the good that love in - spires, for a world where

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of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower,
par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove,
none ex - clude, For a faith that nev - er tires,

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o - ver and a - round us lies, God of all, to
sun and moon and stars of light,
for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

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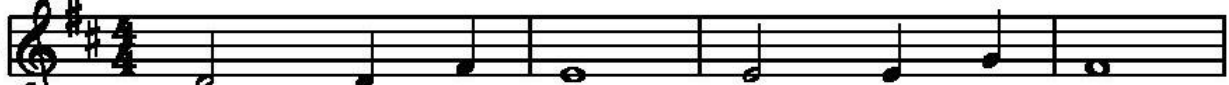


you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

God is So Good


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



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


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


Lord, Make Me More Holy

Piano $\text{♩} = 120$




1. Lord, make me more ho - ly. Lord, make me more ho - ly.
2. Lord, make me more faith - ful. Lord, make me more faith - ful.
3. Lord, make me more hum - ble. Lord, make me more hum - ble.
4. Lord, make me more righ - teous. Lord, make me more righ - teous.

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Lord, make me more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make me more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make me more hum - ble, un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make me more righ - teous, un - til we meet a - gain.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly un - til we meet a - gain.
Faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful un - til we meet a - gain.
Hum - ble, hum - ble, hum - ble un - til we meet a - gain.
Righ - teous, righ - teous, righ - teous un - til we meet a - gain.