

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30AM

Guiding Stars: Boldness & Confidence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be of Good Courage

arr. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised. God's righteousness endures forever.

P: We come together as a congregation of believers. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.

L: God is gracious and trustworthy. At all times, God is mindful of his promises to us.

P: The works of her hands are established among us. We can count on God.

L: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.

P: Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship.

OPENING HYMN NO. 11 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

Bring Many Names

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Faithful God, our arrogance subsumes us. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. Our witness is weak and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. For failing to live lives of bold dedication to you, for failing to do all that Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. 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

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Tama Allison)
MESSAGE

Mark 1:21-28

HYMN 465 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

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. 451 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Be Now My Vision

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

by Bach

Thank you to Tama Allison for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to John Kollasch, Dave Beyer, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team and to Andrew Texter for serving on the praise team this morning!

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Bring Many Names

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

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cel - e-brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

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glo - ry, liv - ing lov - ing God. Hail and Ho - san - na!
 - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho - san - na,

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 strong moth - er God!
 warm fa - ther God!
 old, ach - ing God!
 young, grow - ing God!
 great, liv - ing God!

God is So Good

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Piano

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

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

♩ = 80

Piano

1. Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way, and give me
 2. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sa - cred
 3. Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er for - sake the
 4. Bless me in ev - ery task I face, be - gun, con -

7
 an o - be - dient mind, That in your ser - vice I may
 foot - steps you have trod; and ful - ly trust - ing in my
 right, or do the wrong; A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me
 - tin - ued, done for you; Ful - fill your will in all I

13
 find my heart's de - light from day to day.
 God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
 strong, and keep me in your shel - tering care.
 do, and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

Be Now My Vision

$\text{♩} = 80$
Piano

1. Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2. Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3. Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4. Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

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noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part.
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

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You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

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wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.