

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30AM

Compassion & Healing

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: Our Sovereign builds up Jerusalem, gathering outcasts to her.

L: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

P: The number of stars and their names are known by God and God alone.

L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, with understanding beyond measure.

OPENING HYMN NO. 179 (black hymnal, see p. 3) *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: Compassionate God, we confess we are convicted by the prophet Isaiah's words: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?" We have heard; we were told; we claimed to understand. But our memories are short, our understandings lapse, and we forget that you, God of love, are driver of all things. We forget that Creation and all your creatures, including us, are made for the sake of Love. Renew our capacities for empathy and compassion, so that we can be agents of healing for this world.

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Danika Dallam)

Mark 1:29-39

MESSAGE

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. 472 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Danika Dallam for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to Jack Herlocker, Ron Miles, & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team this morning! Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as guest accompanist this morning!

¹ Adapted from: Psalm 147:1-5.

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We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing
 2. We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our
 3. We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i -

5
 touch; too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too
 side, strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al -
 - lee, a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its

9
 much. For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings
 - lied; As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us
 free. No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each

13
 heard, in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious
 low, com - mu - nit - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing
 place. Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing

17
 Word.
 grow.
 grace.

God is So Good

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

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

5
 God loves me so, God's so good to me.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws

5
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near, when my life is past and the day is past and gone,
near, and the day is past and gone,

9
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

13
light fall:
hand: Take my hand pre - cious Lord, lead me home.