

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30AM

Final Words from the Cross: "I assure you that today you will be with me in Paradise."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Christ Alone

by Townend & Getty

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: The cross...

P: We shall take it.

L: The bread...

P: We shall break it.

L: The pain...

P: We shall bear it.

L: The joy...

P: We shall share it.

L: The gospel...

P: We shall live it.

L: The love...

P: We shall give it.

L: The light...

P: We shall cherish it.

L: The darkness...

P: God shall perish it.

OPENING HYMN NO. 207 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

Just As I Am

SUNDAY SONGS

Hidden in My Heart

by Elkins

CHILDREN'S 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.

HYMN NO. 544 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 1 & 2)

If I Have Been the Source of Pain O God

MONOLOGUE

The Thief on the Cross

Jack Herlocker

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If I Have Been the Source of Pain O God

SCRIPTURE (read by Deb Herlocker)

Luke 23: 32, 39-43 & 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10, 14-15

MESSAGE

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Reconciling God, compassionate Christ, we realize that we have often resembled enemy agents more than ministers of reconciliation. With angry words and vindictive actions we have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have dehumanized those we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from those who disappoint us or remind us of our own human frailty. Forgive us, O God; lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw as close to each other as you drew to us in Christ. Help us to regard persons no longer from a human point of view but from the vantage point of the cross where all hostility was conquered, all forgiveness assured. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CLOSING HYMNS NO. 190/191 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus/ Before Your Cross O Jesus

BENEDICTION

***Reflect & Act:** Take a moment to think of those you have excluded from your love. They could be an individual or a group of people. Share who you have excluded by texting (if an individual, first names only) 717.408.9280 or by emailing office@mtzionucc.org.*

POSTLUDE

Lead Me to Calvary

by Kirkpatrick

Thank you to Deb Herlocker for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to the Lent Worship Planning Team for creating today's service and for decorating the altar. The Lent team members are Marcus Alfonso, Steph Beyer, Brigitte Bradnick, Pastor Danielle, Travis Pinci, & Denny Daugherty. Thank you to Jack Herlocker for reading the monologue this morning. Thank you to John Schriver, Elaine Bevivino & Mary Jane Snyder for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Andrew Texter & Denny Daugherty for serving on the praise team.

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Just As I Am

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Just as I am, with - out one
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a -
 3. Just as I am, you will re -
 4. Just as I am, your love un -

5

plea but that your blood was shed for
 - bout with man - y a con - flict, many a
 - ceive, will wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re -
 - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier

9

me, And that you called in - vit - ing
 doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, - with -
 - lieve, Be - cause your prom - ise and I be -
 down; Now to be yours, and yours a -

13

me, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - out, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lone, O Lamb of God, I come,

17

I come!
 I come!
 I come!
 I come!

If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. If I have been the source of pain, O God; If to the
2. If I have spo - ken words of cru - el - ty; If I have
3. If I've in - sist - ed on a peace - ful life, Far from the
4. Re - ceive, O God, this ar - dent word of prayer, And free me

5



weak I have re - fused my strength; If, in re - bel - lion,
left some suf - fering un - re - lieved; Con - demn not my in -
strug - gles that the gos - pel brings, When you pre - fer to
from temp - ta - tion's sub - tle snare, With ten - der pa - tience,

9



I have strayed a - way; For - give me, God.
- sens - i - tiv - i - ty; For - give me, God.
guide me to the strife, For - give me, God.
lead me to your care, A - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn Week 2

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. The hopes that lead us on shad - ward, the
2. I take, O cross, your shad - ow for

4
fears that hold us back, our will to dare great
my a - bid - ing place; I ask no oth - er

7
things for God, the cour - age that we lack, The
sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face; Con -

10
faith we keep in good - ness, our love, as low or
- tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or

13
pure, on all, the judg - ment of the cross falls
loss, my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my

16
stead - y, clear, and sure.
glo - ry all the cross.