

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

Wednesday Evening Worship: Week 3

7:00 PM

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Jesus Paid it All*

arr. Schram

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: God of Life,

**ALL:** you are as near to us as our breath.

L: Touch our eyes,

**ALL:** that we may see you in one another.

L: Open our ears,

**ALL:** that we may hear your voice in the cries of the hurting.

L: Enter our hearts,

**ALL:** that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

L: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**ALL:** Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

### HYMN<sup>2</sup> (see p. 3)

*We Are a Second Family*

## TIME OF CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

**ALL:** Holy God, we will be honest: this is really hard. It is really hard to wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We're losing patience and we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful and generous. Please help us. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get hard and when we get depressed. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people, to the best of our ability in these strange days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2155 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 4)

**ALL SING:** Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they the pure of heart; they shall see God. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

**TOGETHER WE LEARN & DISCERN**

QUESTION

HYMN<sup>4</sup> (see p. 5, v. 1)

*We Grieve the Many Thousands*

QUESTION & DISCUSSION

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**TIME OF PRAYER & 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. 2218** (FWS, see p. 6)

*You Are Mine*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Abide with Me*

by Monk

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<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship was found [https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/justice\\_worker-justice\\_labor-sunday\\_worship-resources/#callsand](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources/#callsand) and was accessed on March 10, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1835 ("The Day of Resurrection") (MIDI) Text: Copyright © 2018 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

<sup>3</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and found on <https://holdfasttowhatgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/> and accessed on March 10, 2021.

<sup>4</sup>Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729 ("O Sacred Head, Now Wounded") (MIDI) Text: Copyright © 2020 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

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# We Are a Second Family

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We are a sec - ond fam - ily, made  
 2. We're fo - cused on God's mis - sion to  
 3. Some - times we are re - luc - tant to  
 4. We're look - ing toward the fu - ture, and  
 5. We are a ship that's sail - ing out

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one in Je - sus Christ. As sis - ters and as broth - ers, we  
 make di - sci - ples here; We're grow - ing and we're serv - ing; we  
 be made ful - ly new; Yet God seeks trans - for - ma - tion and  
 list - ening to God's truth; We see our Lord in - spir - ing our  
 from a shelt - ered place; There's safe - ty in the har - bor, but

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share a com - mon life. By love we're bound to - geth - er; we  
 trust that God is near. We're wor - ship - ping and learn - ing; we're  
 makes a prom - ise too: While we ex - pect small chang - es that  
 child - ren and our youth; May we see gifts they off - er and  
 we go by God's grace. We ven - ture where God calls us, to

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wel - come and for - give. We love and serve each oth - er; in  
 gath - er - ing to pray, We're car - ing and con - nect - ing to  
 will im - prove our li - ves; Our God is in the busi - ness of  
 help them grow to be new lead - ers with new vis - ion for  
 wa - ters deep un - known. The Spir - it's winds are blow - ing; we

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Christ we hum - bly live.  
 share God's lov - ing Way.  
 mak - ing but - ter - flies.  
 God's com - mu - ni - ty.  
 trust in God a - lone.

# Blest Are They

Musical score for the hymn 'Blest Are They'. It consists of six staves of music in G major, 3/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: 'Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!' The piano part is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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# We Grieve the Many Thousands

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We grieve the man - y thou - sands yet we can't un - der -  
 2. O God, we grieve the strug - gle of those who died a -  
 3. O God, we grieve for mill - ions who now are un - em -  
 4. O God of love and mer - cy, we cry to you, "How

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- stand; we can - not grasp how man - y have died through - out this  
 - lone so far from friends and neigh - bors, from all they'd ev - er  
 - ployed who can - not feed their fami - lies whose hope has been de -  
 long?" In troub - led times re - mind us: Your love is ev - er

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land. We can - not see their fac - es or hear the sto - ries  
 known. We grieve for pre - cious peo - ple who could not say good -  
 - stroyed. We grieve that need - ed work - ers must wor - ry for their  
 strong. Now as we grieve the suf - fering, Lord, show us how to

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told of all the ways they blessed us the young ones and the  
 - bye; we weep for those, now mourn - ing, who sit a - lone and the  
 health while some with lives of priv - ilege stay home and build their  
 be a heal - ing lov - ing pres - ence in each com - mu - ni -

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old.  
 cry.  
 wealth.  
 - ty.

# You Are Mine



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3. I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,  
 4. am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. *(To verse 2)*  
 come and rest in me. *(To refrain)*  
 all will know my name. *(To refrain)*  
 up, now walk, and live! *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you



each by name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you



home; I love you and you are mine.

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