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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Taste and See: An Unfolding Promise

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We come to church hungry!

P: We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for a new way of living, hungry for God's word.

L: In this time of worship, we are eager to be in community and to join together at the Table of Grace. And together we remember the words of the Psalmist who says,

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

L: Let us worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2234 (FWS, see p. 4)**

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing: The healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be as Christ calls us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2267 (FWS, see p. 5)

Taste and See

ALL SING: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**
SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34: 8
Isaiah 25: 6-9

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 433 (BH, see p. 6, vs. 1& 2)

In the Bulb There is a Flower

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN NO. 433 (BH, see p. 6, v. 3)

In the Bulb There is a Flower

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

TELLING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE JUICE

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³**

ALL: Thank you, God: for the bread and the cup, for the life and the love, for the wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your love, our love grows. Help us to share that love, strength, and faith. Help us to accept when others share it with us—that is might change the world. In Christ’s name, we ask it. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 347** (BH, see p. 7)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

by Smith

References

¹The Call to Worship was written by Carol Penner and published on her website <https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2017/01/tasty-call-to-worship.html> and accessed on September 6, 2022.

²The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted on her website <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/> and accessed on September 6, 2022.

³The Prayer of Thanksgiving was written by Richard Bott and was published in the book, *Gifts in Open Hands*, edited by Maren Tirabassi & Kathy Wonson Eddy, ©2011.

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Notes

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Ruth Duck

Henry T. Smart

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♩ = 80

Piano



1. Lead on, O cloud of Pres-ence, the ex - o - dus is come, in
2. Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears, but
3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way, and

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wil - der - ness and des - ert our tri - be shall make its home. Our
we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears. We
help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay. We

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slav - ery left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow. We
are not lost, though wan - dering, for by your light we come, and
pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land where

14



seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

Taste and See

James E. Moore

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Piano

$\text{♩} = 80$

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the

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Lord. _____ O taste and see, taste and see the

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good - ness of the Lord, _____ of the Lord.

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

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tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
- dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and
- ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our ife, e - ter - ni -

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free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
- ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

13

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can
- y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can
- ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can

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see.
see.
see.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Adapt. Doreen Potter


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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$




1. Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in sends us out bear-ing fruit in a

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shout of joy: bread is brok-en, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and
set the tone, teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el)

8



seen and heard. Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain,
deed ex - press.
ev - ery - where!

11



pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound! Je - sus lives a-gain,

14



earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!