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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Ready, Set, Go!

Set: God Equips

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate at the back of the church. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service.

Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We have heard God calling our name,

P: For there is much work to be done.

L: To feed the hungry,

P: To visit the sick and the imprisoned,

L: To welcome the stranger,

P: To clothe the naked.

ALL: To make disciples of all nations.

L: There is, indeed, much work to do.

P: But there are so many obstacles to work around;

L: Time constraints,

P: Strained relationships,

L: Demanding workloads,

P: Not to mention that we feel ill-equipped for the task.

L: We have heard it said that God does not call the equipped;

P: Instead, God equips the called.

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship the God Who will equip us to answer the call.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 287 NCH** (see p. 4 of bulletin)

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Gracious God, we desire to follow when you call. We long to live according to the ways of Jesus, yet we find ourselves stumbling.

Forgive us for the times we have ignored your call to follow you in the ways of compassion, love, and mercy. As you meet us with your grace and assurance, empower us to move when you call.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 172 NCH (see p. 5 of bulletin, vs. 3 & 4)

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

ALL SING: In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 2249 FWS** (see p. 6 of bulletin, vs. 2 & 3)

God Claims You

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BLESSING OF THE GIFTS, & 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. 531 NCH (see p. 7)

God Speak to Me That I May Speak

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 4:2-6
2 Timothy 3:16-17

MESSAGE

TIME OF REFLECTION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 311 NCH (see p. 8)

Renew Your Church

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

References

¹The Call to Worship was written by Deb Herlocker for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.

²The Prayer of confession was written Laura Murray and posted on the website <https://thepastorsworkshop.com/prayers-of-confession-on-calling/> and accessed on September 26, 2022.

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Notes

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

Shirley Erena Murray, 1990

Carl Glaser

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Piano 

1. Come, teach us, Spir - it of our God, the
2. Ex - cite our minds to fol - low you, to
3. En - gage our wits to dance with you, to
4. In - spire our spark to light from you to
5. De - light our hearts to wor - ship you, to

4



lan-guage of your way, the les - sons that we
trace new truths in store, new flight paths for our
leap from log - ic's base, to cap - ture in - sight
catch cre - a - tion's flair, new ar - tis - try to
learn com - pas - sion's code, to live in con - text

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need to live, the faith for ev - ery day.
spir - it space, new mar - vels to ex - plore.
on the wing, to sense your cos - mic grace.
cel - e - brate, new har - mo - nies to dare.
of your love, great teach - er who is God!

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult


Cecil F. Alexander, 1852

William H. Jude, 1887

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Piano 

1. Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less
2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an
3. Je-sus calls us from the wor - ship of the trea - sures we a -
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of
5. Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your

Pno. 

sea; Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing,
lake, Turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing
- dore, From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing,
ease, Je - sus calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian,
call, Give our hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and

Pno. 

"Chris - tian, fol - low me."
all for Je - sus' sake.
"Chris - tian, love me more."
love me more than these."
love you best of all.

God Claims You (Mt. Zion Children)

Stanley M. Farr

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Mt. Zi - on chil - dren God claims you,

5 Fine

God helps you, pro - tects you and loves you too.

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1. We this day do all a - gree a
2. We your fam - ily love you so, we
3. We are here to say this day that
4. And if you should tire or cry then

13 D.C. al Fine

child of God you'll al - ways be.
vow to help your faith to grow.
we will help you on your way.
we will sing this lul - la - by.


God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances R. Havergal, 1872

Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872


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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. God, speak to me, that I may speak in
2. O lead me, God, that I may lead some
3. O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
4. O use me, God, use ev - en me just

4



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

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let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Renew Your Church

Kenneth L. Cober, 1960

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♩ = 80
Piano

1. Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
2. Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path
3. Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice
4. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,

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and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;
let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;
hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

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and as light from each page 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
this is life, show your face. As you have sent your
leave us not to our fate. Be - fore your pres - ence
As you have loved and

10

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O
Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O
keep us still that we may find for us your will And
given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your

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send us forth with power en - dued. Help us, God, be re - newed.
let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.
seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.
grace we must be mind - ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.