

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MARCH 15, 2020

Prelude

Ode to Joy

Ring the Church Bell—We Turn Our Thoughts to God
Welcome and Sharing the Work of the People
Greeting One Another and Our Guests

Centering Music

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#504

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

We are Called to Worship (Psalm 95, John 4)

One: Let's sing to God,

Many: for God is here.

One: Let's sing of love,

Many: for love is here.

One: Let's sing and rejoice,

Many: for here our souls are restored. ~

Gathering Prayer (unison) - **Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each and every day of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Reveal yourself with the power of your love. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace. In the name of your love, we pray. Amen.~**

***Gathering Song**

Rock of Ages

#384

Exploring Together – *See attachment about One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering of the United Church of Christ was to be collected on Sunday, March 22. We will postpone that collection for our next in-person worship service. By participating in this offering, we make it so that our wider church family can journey with folks through some of the most difficult moments of their lives.*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *For All My Days*

We Hear God's Word John 4:5-42 (p. 1651)

***Hymn** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* #356

Sermon *Surprise Encounters*

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we still need your generous financial support of our ministry. We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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The Offertory *Near to the Heart of God/Be Still and Know*

***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you) #34

Version 1

Version 2

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise God for all that love has done;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***We Give Thanks** (unison) - **Living God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world live. Loving God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world love. Nourish others as you have nourished us, with your steadfast presence and your healing grace. Amen.**~

***Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #473

***Choral Benediction**

***We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing**

Postlude *On Eagles' Wings*