



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Journey Together”
 March 18, 2020
 Wednesday Lenten Worship

We are Called to Worship (Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Many: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

One: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

Many: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

Many: Yes! God is our God, and we are God’s people: O that today we would listen for the Lord’s voice!

One: Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,

Many: When our ancestors tested our Liberator, requiring proof of God’s faithfulness, even though they had witnessed miracles!

One: For forty years God contended with that generation and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.”

Many: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles. Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice. Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your people are listening! =

Prayer of Confession (unison)— Faithful One, we long to trust your steadfast faithfulness. We yearn to know your life-giving love. Love us into faithful living. Wash over us with your grace. Nourish us with the water of your presence, and lead to eternal life. In the name of your love, we pray. Amen. ~

Assurance of Grace — Christ, the Living Water, is here, washing over us with mercy, and filling us with hope and renewal. Rejoice and be glad, for we are renewed with love and made whole with grace.~

Gathering Song

They’ll Know We Are Christians, #595

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A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 95

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
- O that today you would listen to his voice!
- ⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.'
- ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
'They shall not enter my rest.'

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord, #559

Faith Journey Story - When we are able to be together again in-person, Rev. Craig Amlin will share his faith journey story with us. In the meantime, reflect on your own journey. As you do so, you're invited to reflect on this question: **Was there a time when the church supported you?** You might take a few moments to write down some memories and thoughts.

If there are ways that our church family at Zion can offer support to you through this time of uncertainty, please let us know. Next week a council member will be reaching out to you to find out if you'd like to be part of a Phone Tree that will help keep our congregation connected.

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We Respond to God with Our Giving

You are invited to continue to send in your offerings while we are unable to meet in-person. Though we cannot physically be together, our ministry continues.

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

Version 1

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

***We Give Thanks** (unison) — **Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.=**

Hymn

I Sing a Song for the Saints of God

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing

As we continue on this journey, may Christ strengthen the ties that bind us together, as one body in Christ Jesus. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.

Worship Notes:

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