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April 28, 2024

10:30 AM

**Youth Sunday**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, 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 when it is passed. 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 have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM 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** *Holy Holy Holy* (Traditional) played by Hayden McCarthy & Travis Pinci  
*Sonatina in C Major* by Clementi played by Danny McCracken  
*Oh The Glory of His Presence* Youth & Children's Bell Choir

**SUPERHEROES OF THE FAITH LITANY<sup>1</sup>**

L: God calls on ordinary people to be superheroes.

**C: We hear your call, O God.**

L: For those who fight evil in the world.

**C: We thank you God.**

L: For those who stand strong in tough times.

**C: We thank you God.**

L: For providing us with the knowledge we need to fight against darkness.

**C: We thank you God.**

L: For keeping us safe—giving us confidence and leading us in the fight against evil.

**C: We thank you God.**

L: Equipped with the belt of truth around our waist.

**C: Call us to action, O God.**

L: Help us be patient with others.

**C: Call us to action, O God.**

L: Help us to spread the Good News and lift others in prayer.

**C: Call us to action, O God.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Empower us to be Superheroes of the faith for others, as together we pray...

God of Great Power,

**C: you are the greatest hero of them all. We thank you for giving us strength to carry out the power that you have blessed us with. Thank you for the opportunity to help others and to bring people together. We appreciate your help in the fight against evil. Thank you for providing us with the armor of faith to overcome the struggles of life. We pray for you to help us be Superheroes of the Faith. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 2223 Faith We Sing** (see next page)

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*



# They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

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Piano 

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in  
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by  
 4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things

5



Lord, we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the  
 hand, we will walk with each oth-er we will walk hand in  
 side, we will work with each oth-er we will work side by  
 come, and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly

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Lord, and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
 hand, and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
 side, and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man  
 Son, and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

13



- stored: and they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our  
 land:  
 pride:  
 one:

17



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our ultimate hero,

**C: We want to wear the full suit of armor that you have provided to us, but often we misuse it and fail to follow the mission you give us. Forgive us when we are fighting against you and spreading bad news. Forgive us when we fall prey into the devil's tricks. Forgive us when we forget to wear your spiritual armor and are afraid to spread your Good News. Help us to turn towards you in prayer when faced with darkness. Help us to fulfill your mission. Guide us to be heroes for others and shield us with faith. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE

*He's My Strength, My Sword, My Shield*

Children's Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Ephesians 6:10-20 (ERV)*

**SERMON REFLECTIONS**

*Hayden Dallam, Catie Kiefer, & Kasear Ray*

**HYMN UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL NO. 593** (see next page)

*Here I Am Lord*



# Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano 

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

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All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

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stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my  
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I

21 

I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

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lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

## **SUPERHEROES OF THE FAITH CREED**

L: Let us join together in confessing the Superheroes of the Faith Creed,

**C: We believe in a God who is a hero—who is powerful, all-knowing, and always there. We believe in a God who is truthful and caring, forgiving and selfless, constant and everlasting. We believe in a God who is always present and trustworthy. We believe in a God so loving that he was willing to sacrifice his only Son for our sins. We believe that our Father sets the ultimate example of the qualities we strive to live. He is strong showing us how to be that at times for others. We believe that God’s love and peace can drive out darkness. We believe that following God’s light will lead us to eternity with Him. God is inspiring and so we should look for him in everything around us. Amen.**

## **SUPERHERO PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

**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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

sung by Caitlin Damon

## **A TIME FOR SHARING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

by Struther

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2173 FWS (chorus, v. 3, chorus)

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**ALL SING: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your Likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.**

**ALL SING: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, let there be light.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# We Are Marching in the Light of God (Superhero Verses)

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are  
2. We are fly - ing in the light of God, we are  
3. We are fight - ing for the light of God, we are

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march-ing in the light of God. We are mar - ching in the  
fly - ing in the light of God. We are fly - ing in the  
fight-ing for the light of God. We are fight - ing for the

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light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are  
light of God, we are fly - ing in the light of God. We are  
light of God, we are fight-ing for the light of God. We are

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march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are  
fly - ing Oo, we are fly - ing in the light of God. We are  
fight-ing Oo, we are fight-ing for the light of God. We are

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march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.  
fly - ing Oo, we are fly - ing in the light of God.  
fight-ing Oo, we are fight-ing for the light of God.

**\*BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE**

Thank you to all the children, youth, and adult volunteers who worked together to make this Youth Sunday special!!!

**References**

<sup>1</sup>Today's liturgy was written by our youth group.

<sup>2</sup>Today's Superhero prayers were written by our Sunday Funday Kids.

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**Volunteers**

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Welcome Team Members**—Mt. Zion Youth/Sunday Funday Kids

**Tech Team**—Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Ron Miles

**Musicians & Vocalists**—Caitlin Damon, Alex Kollasch, Hayden McCarthy, Danny McCracken, Sean McCracken