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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

PRELUDEHoly Holy (Traditional)played by Hayden McCarthey & Travis PinciSonatina in C Major by Clementiplayed by Danny McCrackenOh The Glory of His PresenceYouth & Children's Bell Choir

SUPERHEROES OF THE FAITH LITANY

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,

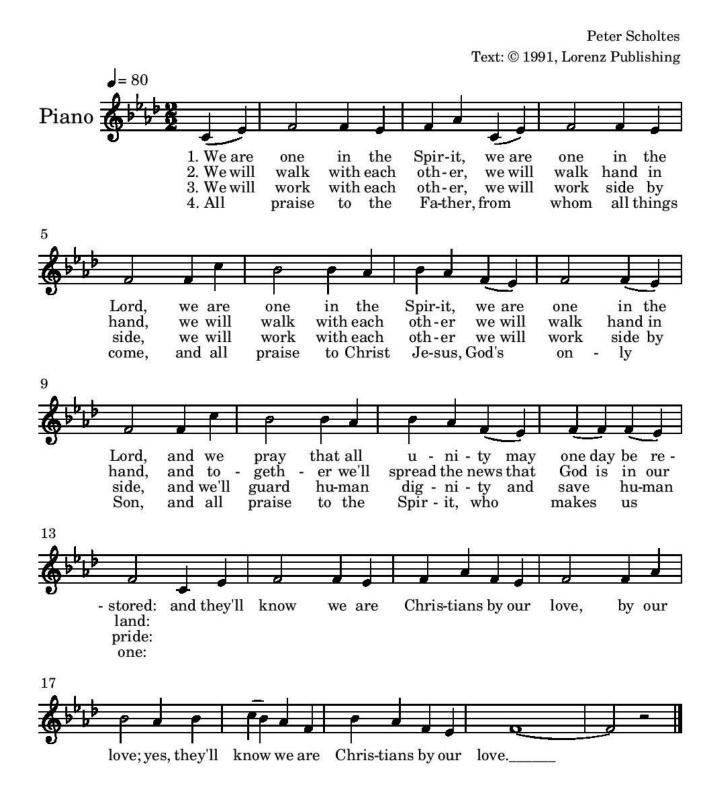
C: you are the greatest hero of them all. We thank you for giving us strength to carry out the power that you have blessed us with. Thank you for the opportunity to help others and to bring people together. We appreciate your help in the fight against evil. Thank you for providing us with the armor of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



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*TIME OF CONFESSION²

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



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 PRAYER²

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

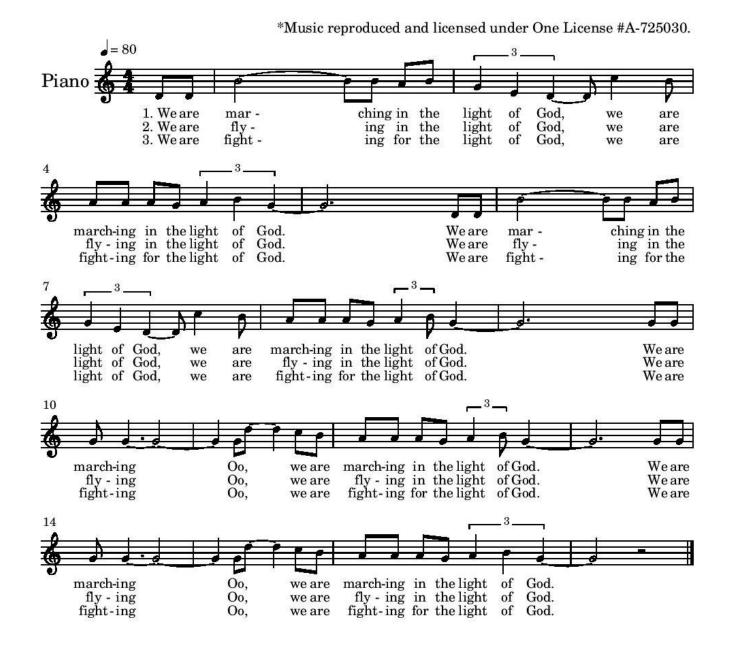
INVITATION TO GENE	ROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP	
OFFERTORY	Lord of All Hopefulness	by Struther
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2173 FWS (chorus, v. 3, chorus)		Shine, Jesus, Shine

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)



*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

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

References

¹Today's liturgy was written by our youth group. ²Today's Superhero prayers were written by our Sunday Funday Kids.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning! <u>Welcome Team Members</u>Mt. Zion Youth/Sunday Funday Kids <u>Tech Team</u>Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Ron Miles <u>Musicians & Vocalists</u>Caitlin Damon, Alex Kollasch, Hayden McCarthy, Danny McCracken, Sean McCracken