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September 8, 2024

9:45 AM

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Guess Who?:

Investigating Key Figures of the Bible

Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

Back to School Slideshow

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

C: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

L: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

C: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

L: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

C: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

L: Let us rise and sing in praise of our God of mystery and wonder.

*OPENING HYMN (verses. 1, 4-5, see below)

Earth and All Stars

Earth and All Stars!

Herbert F. Brokering, 1926

David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Earth and all stars!	Loud rush-ing plan - ets!
2. Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash-ing cym - bals!
3. En - gines and steel!	Loud pound-ing ham - mers!
4. Class-rooms and labs!	Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5. Knowl-edge and truth!	Loud sound-ing wis - dom!

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Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Hail, wind, and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Harp, lute, and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Lime-stone and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Ath - lete and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Daugh-ter and

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rain!	Loud blow - ing	snow - storm!	Sing to the Lord
lyre!	Loud hum-ming	cel - los!	Sing to the Lord
beams!	Loud build - ing	work - ers!	Sing to the Lord
band!	Loud cheer - ing	peo - ple!	Sing to the Lord
son!	Loud pray - ing	mem - bers!	Sing to the Lord

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a new song!	God has done	mar -	vel - ous
a new song!			
a new song!			
a new song!			
a new song!			

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things.	I too sing	praises with a	new	song!
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***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God,

C: you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 295 NCH (v. 1)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

ALL SING: I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And one was a doctor and one was a queen and another a shepherd in pastures green. They were saints of God if you know what I mean God help me to be one too.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3 (CEB)

Isaiah 41:10 (The Message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, BLANKIES, & TECH

GUESS WHO? SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. #65 (red hymnal, see next page)

This is My Father's World

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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Piano



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols
3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for -

5



ears all na - ture sings, and round me rings the
raise, the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de -
- get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God

8



mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I
- clare their mak - er's praise. This is my Father's world: he
is the rul - er yet. This is my Father's world: why

12



rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of
shines in all that's fair; in the rust - ling grass I
should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the

15



skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
heav - en's ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Restoration Morning

by Combs

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 31 NCH (see below)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

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Refrain

Piano ♩ = 80

All things bright and beau ti - ful, all crea - tures great and
4 small, All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them
8 *Verses*
all. 1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the
11 lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
14 *to Refrain*
col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Katherine Hawker, 2006. Posted on Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>. And accessed on 9/3/24 for use.

²The Time of Confession is written by Peter Bankson. Posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed 9/3/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Faye Heal, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

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Readers—Freddie Northridge & Tobias Rhinehart

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