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September 15, 2024

9:45 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible</u> <u>Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith</u>

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

by Hurd

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Explorers of the faith, we are invited to delve into God's mysteries.

C: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

L: Disciples, we accompany Jesus wherever he leads us,

C: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

L: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

C: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

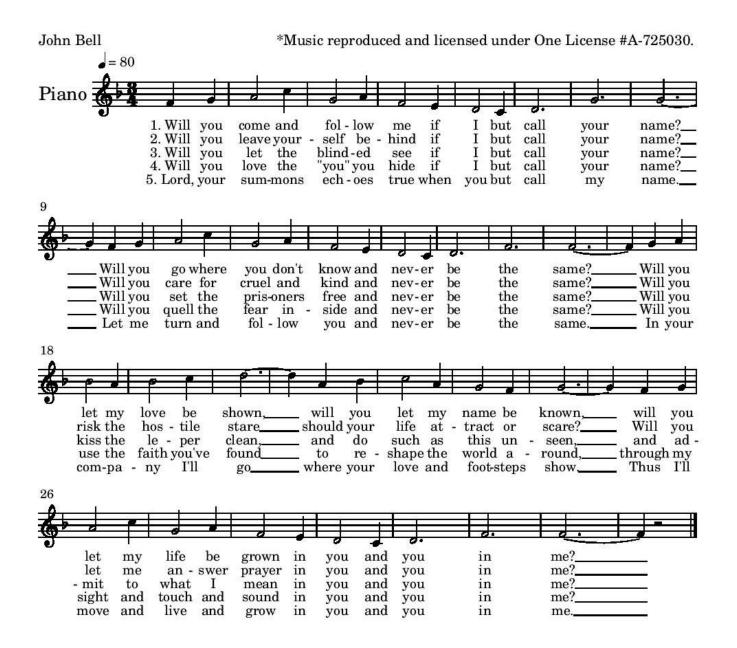
L: What a gift it is to investigate God's Word together.

C: Let us question the unknowns, give thanksgiving for the certainties, and laugh at the mystery in between.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 2130 (verses. 1-2, 4, FWS see below)

The Summons

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*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Awesome God,

C: when we catch sight of the totality of your claim on our lives; our believing wavers. When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable covenant with us, we laugh. When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming cross, we suggest an alternative. Meet us in our disbelieving, loving God, move us gently into the deep mystery of faith.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Testimony by Pace

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

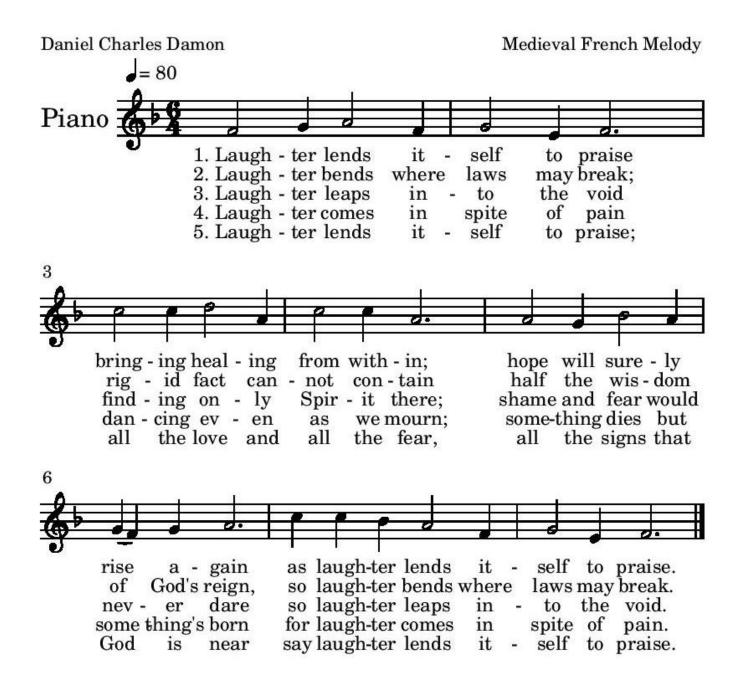
Guess Who? Scriptures

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (vs. 1, 3, & 5, see next page)

Laughter Lends Itself to Praise

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

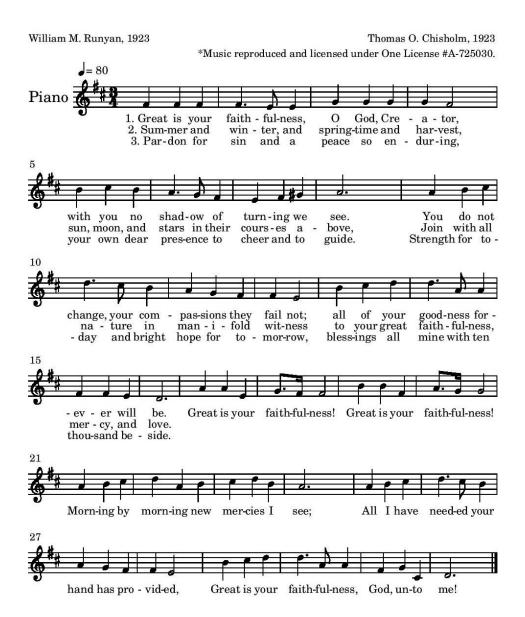
ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP OFFERTORY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 423 NCH (see below)

Great is Your Faithfulness



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<u>References</u>

¹The Call to Worship is adapted from the writings of Thom Shuman, as posted on his wonderful Lectionary Liturgies blog. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/ and accessed 9/8/24.

²The Prayer of Confession written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her Liturgies Outside website, and accessed on 9/8/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

<u>Welcome Team Members</u>–Vanessa Bicher & Jennifer Damon <u>Liturgist</u>– Connie Wolfe <u>Tech Team</u>– Elaine Bevivino, Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch