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October 6, 2024

9:45 AM

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible

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

Thank you for worshipping 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, 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

WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

Peace Prelude

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (from Canada)

L: The whole world is in God's hands.

C: Everything that lives and breathes. Everything that simply is. Everything.

L: From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

C: God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!

L: As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our sisters and brothers around the world, to remember whose we are, we praise —

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

L: Shall we pray?

C: With all that we have, with all that we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being. Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering. Bless this world, with your overflowing love. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN** (see below, vs. 1-3)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Piano

1. Take my life, and let it be
 2. Take my hands, and let them move
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold;
 5. Take my will, and make it thine;
 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour

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con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 at the im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet, and
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King. Take my lips, and
 not a mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
 it shall be no lon - ger mine. Take my heart, it
 at thy feet its trea - sure store. Take my - self, and

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and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

***TIME OF CONFESSION² (Armenia & Jerusalem)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,

C: in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

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.

KID'S MESSAGE

HOLY DINGALINGS

Blessed Assurance

by Dix

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Guess Who? Scriptures

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2171 FWS (see next page)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Musical staff with chords: D, Bm, A7, D, Em, A7. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

Musical staff with chords: D, Bm, G, Em, A7. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Musical staff with chords: Em, A7, Em7, A7. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Musical staff with chords: Em, A7, D, 1, 2, 4 (fine). The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Musical staff with chords: G, Em, D, Bm. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Musical staff with chords: Em, A7, D, A7, D, D7. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Musical staff with chords: G, Em, F#m, Bm. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

Musical staff with chords: E, E7, A, E, A, A7. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Our prayers of the people come from individuals in 8 countries- Czech Republic, Hungary, Jamaica, Korea, Madagascar, Mexico, Polynesia, and Zimbabwe*)

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Kum-Ba-Ya Medley

arr. Prim

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

REMEMBERING GOD'S STORY (*Korea*)

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*Guatemala*)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (*Brazil*)

L: This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

C: Let us participate joyfully!

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS (*South Africa*)

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER³ (*Colima orphanage, Mexico*)

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable, as together we pray... We give you thanks O Lord,

C: for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen. (*Mexico, grace contributed from an orphanage in Colima, may not be the original source*)

***CLOSING HYMN** (see next page)

One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body

Jon B. Foley, 1978

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Refrain

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
6 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
11 man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this
16 one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
23 wo-man or man, no more. One
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one, for all.

Fine

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Song

References

¹Today's Liturgy comes from the books Gifts in Open Hands — More Worship Resources for the Global Community (Tirabassi and Eddy, Pilgrim Press 2011) and Gifts of Many Cultures (Tirabassi and Eddy, Pilgrim Press, 1995).

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Jennifer Damon, Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Sarah Shaffer

Liturgist— Deb Herlocker

Tech Team—Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch, & Joe Vacante