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9:45 AM

21st 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 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, 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Dorsey

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Have you not known?

C: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

L: Have you not heard?

C: God does not faint or grow weary.

L: Have you not known?

C: God's understanding is unsearchable.

L: Have you not heard?

C: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

L: Have you not known?

C: Those who wait for God will renew their strength

L: We come to hear.

C: We come to know.

L: Waiting and ready, or restless and weary--our God is miraculously faithful

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us stand as comfortable to sing praise to our God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 99 NCH** (black hymnal, see below, vs. 1, 3-4)

Abide with Me

Abide with Me

Text: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

Tune: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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Piano



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need your pres-ence ev - ery pass-ing hour;
4. I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
5. Hold now your cross be - fore my clos-ing eyes;

5



The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bide;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
I need your grace to foil the tempt-er's power.
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

9



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
Heaven's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

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Help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.
O Christ who chang-es not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun-shine, O a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still if you a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Christ, a - bide with me.

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of miracles and newness,

C: Forgive us God when we do not trust you to deal with the unspeakable awfulness in our lives and world. In the silence we name the parts of our lives and our world that we believe are too broken to ever be made whole. Cast out our demons, Lord, make us new again.

Forgive us when contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us. In the silence we name the things we have done that separate us from you and from others. Cast out our demons, Lord, make us new again.

Forgive us when we trust darkness more than we trust your light. In the silence we name the things we think we need to keep hidden. Cast out our demons, Lord, make us new again.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Guess Who? Scriptures

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 475 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

God's Eye is on the Sparrow



God's Eye is on the Sparrow

Civilla D. Martin, 1905

Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

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Piano 

1. Why should I feel dis - cour-aged, why should the shad - ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten - der word I
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, when - ev - er clouds a -

4 

come, Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and
 hear, And rest - ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 - rise, When song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me

8 

home, When God is ev - er my por-tion? My con - stant friend will
 fears; Though by the path... God leads me but one step I may
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from care I am set

12 

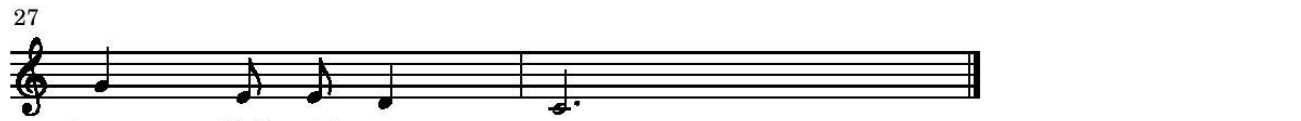
be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch - es me; God's
 see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch - es me; God's
 free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch - es me; God's

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eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

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happy, I sing because I'm free, God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

27 

know God watch - es me.

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.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Be Still My Soul

by Sibelius

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 460 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

God Will Take Care of You

God Will Take Care of You

Civilla D. Martin, 1904

W. Stillman Martin, 1905

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Piano 

1. Be not dis-mayed what - e'er be - tide,
2. Through days of toil when heart grows frail,
3. All you may need God will pro - vide,
4. No mat-ter what may be the test,

3 

God will take care of you; Be - neath God's wings of love a - bide,
God will take care of you; When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail,
God will take care of you; Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied,
God will take care of you; Lean, wea - ry one, up - on God's breast,

7 

God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through ev-ery day,
God will take care of you.
God will take care of you.
God will take care of you.

12 

o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Praise the Source of Faith & Learning

by Troeger

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/> accessed for use 10/3/24.

²The Time of Confession is written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on [hold this space]. <http://holdthisspace.org.au/all-of-who-we-are/>, and accessed on 10/3/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Faye Heal, Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Melissa Shindler

Liturgist—Andrea Adams

Tech Team—George DeMers, Jack Herlocker

