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9:45 AM

23rd 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
WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

Peace is Flowing Like a River

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: In the name of God,

C: who created us, who holds us and the whole world in his hands

L: In the name of the Son

C: who came into the world, who reconciles us with God.

L: In the name of the Holy Spirit

C: who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace, we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable to join in song as we gather this day to praise our God of peace.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me; let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God our cre - a-tor chil-dren all are we. Let us walk with each other in per-fect har-mo - ny Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now. With ev-ery step I take let this be my sol-emn vow: to take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter-nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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10 there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God

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54 - ter-nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God of peace, you know us from before we were formed in our mother's womb.

C: Forgive us when we only have good intentions and do not commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

L: O God of justice, you judge our human race with mercy.

C: Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred as we remain passive in face of so much violence and exclusion. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

L: O God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family.

C: Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both those we hold dear and our perceived enemies. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

L: O God of grace, you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change.

C: Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

L: O God of life, you have placed us on this earth to tend and watch over it.

C: Forgive us when we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home you have given us, the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

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


Lead On O King Eternal

Henry T. Smart

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Piano 

1. Lead on, O King e - ter-nal, the day of march has come; hence -
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter-nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter-nal, we fol - low, not with fears, for

6 

- forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home. Through
 ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace. For
 glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears. Thy

10 

days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong; and
 not with swords and clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums; with
 cross is lift - ed o'er us, we jour-ney in its light; the

14 

now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 deeds of love and mer - cy the heavenly king-dom comes.
 crown a-waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE³ & 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

O God You Search Me

by Farrell

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 2171 FWS (see below)**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Verses 1, 2, 4



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



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



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



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.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

References

¹The Call to Worship is from the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday suggestions for Lent 4C, from the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> and accessed for use on 10/17/24.

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³The Prayers for Peace are written by Jack Knox, pastor of Salem (Oregon) Mennonite Church. Posted on Glocal Christianity: the blog of Matt Stone. <http://mattstone.blogs.com/>

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Faye Heal, & Vanessa Bicher

Guest Preacher—Andrea Adams

Liturgist— Stella Fletcher

Tech Team—George DeMers, John Kollasch, Joe Vacante