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March 02, 2025

9:45 AM

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

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, 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 & CONCERNS WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

by Hearn

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are here to worship a remarkable God. C: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

L: Don't come as servants, come as the truly free. Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard. Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests. Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

C: The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.

L: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

C: The love of God overflows our hearts, the grace of Christ liberates our spirits, the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

*GATHERING HYMN ELH # 517 (see below)

Beautiful Savior



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***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Before God and God's people,

C: I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision.

Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word.

Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2237 FWS (vs. 1 & 2)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

ALL SING: As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame. So the church is meant for mission giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs but to build a bridge of care. We join hands across the nations finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers. We are vessels made of clay By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GUESS WHO SCRIPTURE READINGS SERMON

HYMN NO. 2213 FWS (black hymnal, see next page)

Healer of Our Every Ill

Healer of Our Every Ill



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 & DISCIPLESHIPOFFERTORYThere is a Name I Love to HearPRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 92 NCH (see next page)

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Postlude

by Bruckner

Day is Done

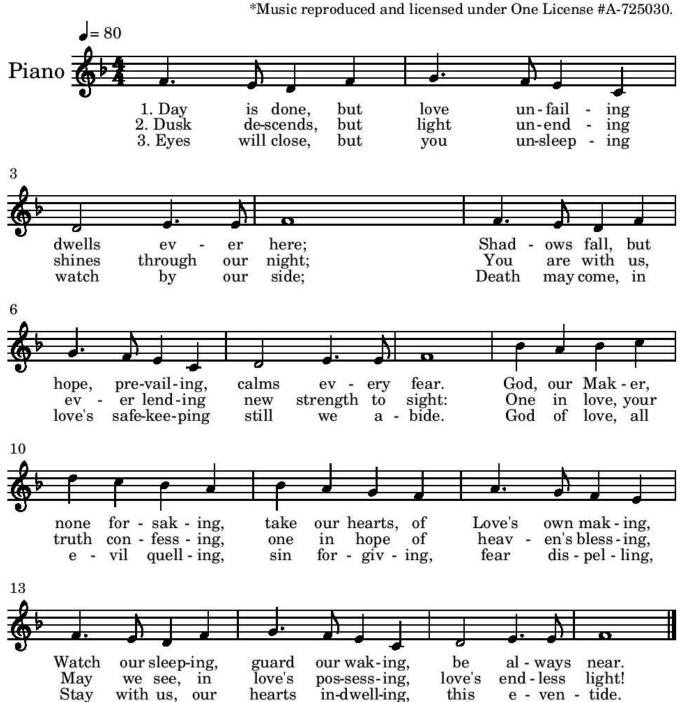
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Day is Done



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