**Zion’s United Church of Christ of Taborton**

**Service of the Worship of God**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

Ninteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Hafidha F. Saadiqah, Pastor \* Mr. Robert Bondi, Board Moderator

Mr. Conor Frost, Musician

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PRELUDE *Fuga II* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**P: May our worship reflect God’s glory.**

L: The skies and all there is proclaims God’s handiwork.  
**P: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

L: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation

project the love of God.

**P: We gather with Christians around the world;**

L: with Christians across geography and across time,

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

~ adapted from Psalm 19

\*HYMN *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

\*UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

***\*Words of Assurance (*minister*)***

***\*Gloria Patri* (spoken)**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

World without end. Amen. Amen.

***\*Offering Signs of Peace***

INTERLUDE *The Potter’s Hand* D. Zschech

INVITATION to STEWARDSHIP

***Doxology (*spoken)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise Godabove, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication***

**God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs**

**and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care,  
we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring,  
that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear,  
and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

~ by Mary Petrina Boyd

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

SERMONAll Along This Pilgrim Journey

INTERLUDE *The Potter’s Hand* D. Zschech

\*HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Spanish Eyes*  B. Kaempfert

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***THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!***

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***Today’s Scriptures:***

**Psalm 23**

(NRSV Bible)

﻿1 YHWH, you are my shepherd —

I want nothing more.

2  You let me lie down in green meadows;

you lead me beside restful waters:

3 you refresh my soul. You guide me to lush pastures

for the sake of your Name.

4 Even if I’m surrounded by shadows of Death,

I fear no danger, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff—

they give me courage.

5 You spread a table for me

in the presence of my enemies,

﻿and you anoint my head with oil—

my cup overflows!

6 Only goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in your house, YHWH,

for days without end.

A herd of sheep grazing on a lush green field

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**HYMNS for THE LORD’S DAY**

**O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE**

HYMN TUNE: MUNICH

LYRICS: Psalm 119:105

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of clouded sky:

We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,

a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

1. O God, we hold this treasure from you, its source divine,

A light that to all ages throughout the earth to shine;

It is the chart and compass that all life’s voyage through,

‘mid mists and rocks and tempest, still guides, O God, to you.

**IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS**

HYMN TUNE: NEW DIMENSIONS

LYRICS: Julian Rush

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples, wandering in their separate ways?

***Refrain*** **God of rainbow, fiery pillar,**

**leading where the eagles soar,**

**We your people, ours the journey**

**now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

1. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

***Refrain*** **God of rainbow, fiery pillar,**

**leading where the eagles soar,**

**We your people, ours the journey**

**now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

1. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

***Refrain*** **God of rainbow, fiery pillar,**

**leading where the eagles soar,**

**We your people, ours the journey**

**now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

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***REMINDERS… REMINDERS… REMINDERS…***

**Don’t Forget Your Church During This Time:** You can give your offering or pledge online at: members.myeoffering.com.

**Bring Your Own Theology Gathering** happens every Wednesday evening, 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We are in conversation with St. John’s UCC in Elmore, OH and Park Church UCC in Toledo, OH. The Meeting ID# is **876 2695 1505** and the Passcode is **764342**.

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***Join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall!***

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