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

**Service of the Worship of God**

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost \* July 12, 2020

Rev. Hafidha F. Saadiqah, Pastor \* Ms. MaryPat Stienstra, Board Moderator

Mr. Conor Frost, Musician

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PRELUDE *Every 27 Years* B. Wallfisch

WELCOME & ANNOUNCMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

L: God has gathered us to this place,

**P: where we hear the stories which show us  
what the kin-dom of God is like.**

L: God summons us to this place,

**P: where we can learn how to serve our God  
without reservation, or hesitation.**

L: God will send us from this place,

**ALL: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,  
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN (verses 1,2,3) *Bring Many Names* WESTCHASE

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived up to the example**

**set by Jesus of Nazareth. We have acted out of our own self-interest to the exclusion of others. We have seen enemies where we could have made friends; done what was wrong instead of what was right. Forgive us, God. Keep calling us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us. Through your Holy Spirit, continue the work that you have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to you. Hear us now as we come to you in silence.**

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

***Gloria Patri* (spoken)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

**OR**

***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***

INVITATION to STEWARDSHIP

***Doxology (*spoken)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him **(God)**, all creatures here below.

Praise Him **(God)**  above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OR**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**.

***Prayer of Dedication***

**Gracious God: we give you what is your own; whatever the gift may be.**

**All that we have is yours alone, a trust, O God, from you. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:33-37

From *The Inclusive Bible*

33 “Again, you have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘Don’t break your vow; fulfill all oaths made to our God.’ 34 But I tell you not to swear oaths at all. Don’t swear by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 don’t swear by the earth, for it is God’s footstool. Don’t swear by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great Ruler. 36 And don’t swear by your own head, for you can’t make a single hair white or black. 37 Say ‘Yes’ when you mean ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ when you mean ‘No.’ Anything beyond that is from the Evil One.

SERMON Right Speech

PRAYER of RESPONSE

**Gracious God: may the words of scripture burn deeply in our hearts**

**so that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

HYMN (verses 4,5,6) *Bring Many Names*  WESTCHASE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Bagatelle* L. Beethoven

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

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***REMINDERS…***

The summer ***These Days*** devotional have arrived in the Church office. If you would like one, please call the office and we will mail one to you.

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

**Church Bookkeeper/Data Entry Volunteer Needed:** For more information, see Pat Stienstra or Hal Hoffman.

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| Any news to share? Turn in your articles for the newsletter by the last Sunday of the month. |

**HYMN**

**for the**

**LORD’S DAY**

**BRING MANY NAMES**

HYMN TUNE: WESTCHASE

LYRICS: Carlton Young

1. Bring many names, beautiful and good,

Celebrate in parable and story;

Holiness in glory, living, loving God.

Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

1. Strong mother God, working night and day,

Planning all the wonders of creation;

Setting each equation, genius at play:

Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

1. Warm father God, hugging every child,

Feeling all the strains of human living;

Caring and forgiving til we’re reconciled:

Hail and Hosanna, strong father God!

1. Old, aching God, grey with endless care,

Calmly piercing evil’s new disguises,

Glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:

Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

1. Young, growing God, eager on the move,

Saying no to falsehood and unkindness;

Crying out for justice, giving all you have:

Hail and Hosanna, young growing God!

1. Great, living God, never fully known,

Joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,

Closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:

Hail and Hosanna, great living God!