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

**Service of the Worship of God**

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Mr. Conor Frost, Musician

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PRELUDE *Fuga XII* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

 L: We don’t see it, but it’s everywhere we look;

We don’t hear it, but its message is constantly

whispered throughout the world;

We can’t touch it, but its energy flows through every interaction,

every connection.

 **P: This Kin-dom of yours, God, is hidden in the ordinary stuff**

**that makes up our everyday lives;**

**It’s like yeast in a loaf of bread, like a tiny seed**

**that imperceptibly sprouts and grows in a secret, unseen place;**

 **ALL: And so, God, we celebrate this hidden Kin-dom of yours.**

**We praise you for its gentle power, and we open ourselves, once again,**

**to its life-giving influence.**

 **-***adapted from* Sacredise.com

\*HYMN *You Are the Salt for the Earth* BRING FORTH

\*UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION

 God of Love - we know that we are made in your image. But, forgive us when we

 believe that your Kin-dom is no bigger than our bigotry; when we reduce your

presence to the ambience in our favorite meeting place; when we see your people as

no one other than our people. Forgive us, change us, and humble us, we pray.

Keep us always aware of how your grace has rescued us, and, keep us always aware of those who seek your grace in us. Through Jesus the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

 **-***adapted from* Sacredise.com

***\*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 *My Redeemer Lives* R. Morgan

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***

**We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee. Amen.**

 **-**William W. How

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22

SERMONWhat Is It That Looks Like God?

INTERLUDE *My Redeemer Lives* R. Morgan

\*HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Favorite Things* R. Rodgers

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

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***Today’s Scriptures:* Matthew 22:15-22**

(The Inclusive Bible)

15 Then the Pharisees went off and began to plot how they might trap Jesus by his speech. 16 They sent their disciples to Jesus, accompanied by sympathizers of Herod, who said, “Teacher, we know you’re honest and teach God’s way sincerely. You court ﻿no one’s favor and don’t act out of respect for important people. 17 Give us your opinion, then, in this case. Is it lawful to pay tax to the Roman emperor, or not?” 18 Jesus recognized their bad faith and said to them, “Why are you trying to trick me, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin which is used to pay the tax.” When they handed Jesus a small Roman coin, 20 Jesus asked them, “Whose head is this, and whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. At that, Jesus said to them, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were astonished and went away.



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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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**HYMNS for THE LORD’S DAY**

**YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH, O PEOPLE**

HYMN TUNE: BRING FORTH

LYRICS: *Paraphr. by* Marty Haugen

1. You are the salt of the earth, O people:

salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:

life for the City of God!

 ***Refrain:* Bring forth the reign of mercy,**

**Bring forth reign of peace;**

 **Bring forth the reign of justice,**

 **Bring forth the City of God.**

1. We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:

bound for the reign of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

love is the City of God!

 ***Refrain:* Bring forth the reign of mercy,**

**Bring forth reign of peace;**

 **Bring forth the reign of justice,**

 **Bring forth the City of God.**

**GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS**

HYMN TUNE: HOLY MANNA

LYRICS: Catherine Cameron

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens

infinite in time and place,

Flung the suns in burning radiance

through the silent fields of space;

We, your children in your likeness,

share inventive powers with you;

Great Creator, still creating,

show us what we yet may do.

1. As each far horizon beckons,

may it challenge us anew,

Children of creative purpose,

serving others, honoring you.

May our dreams prove rich with promise,

each endeavor, well begun;

Great Creator, give us guidance

till our goals and yours are one.