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

**Service of the Worship of God**

**Sunday, August 23, 2020**

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Mr. Conor Frost, Musician

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

L: Lift up your voice and call out to God.  
**P: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**  
L: Come together and wait for God.  
**P: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**  
L: Surely God’s presence is here with us now.  
**P: We wait in hope knowing that God’s steadfast love will lift our hearts.**  
L: Come, let us worship God.  
**ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

~ written by Rev. Nancy J., and posted on her **wonderings through life and other such nonsense.**[**http://ruminari.wordpress.com/**](http://ruminari.wordpress.com/)

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

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, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship  
Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 8

***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***

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, giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream,**

**unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of**

**love, flowing out to all the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14

SERMON God and My Shadow

HYMN “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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***Today’s Scripture:***

**Luke 18:9-14**

(*The Inclusive Bible)*

﻿9 Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: 10 “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others—greedy, crooked, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’ 13 “The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ 14 Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

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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.

**HYMNS for THE LORD’S DAY**

***WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES***

HYMN TUNE: LAUDES DOMINI

LYRICS: trans., Edward Caswall

1. When morning gilds the skies, **2** Be this, while life is mine,

my heart awaking cries, my canticle divine,

may Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, Be this the eternal song,

one purpose I declare: through all the ages long:

may Jesus Christ be praised. May Jesus Christ be praised!

***IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER***

HYMN TUNE: PROMISE

TUNE and LYRICS: Natalie Sleath

1. In the bulb there is a flower, **2** There’s a song in every silence,

in the seed, an apple tree; seeking word and melody;

In cocoons, a hidden promise; there’s a dawn for every darkness,

butterflies will soon be free! bringing hope for you and me.

In the cold and snow of winter From the past will come the future;

there’s a spring what waits to be, what it holds, a mystery,

unrevealed until its season, unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see. something God alone can see.

**3** In our end is our beginning;

in our time infinity;

In our doubt there is believing;

in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;

at the last, a victory,

unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.