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

**Service of the Worship of God**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

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

Mr. Conor Frost, Musician

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PRELUDE *Praeludium I* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

L: What brough us here this morning? What of God do we find irresistible here?

**P: A love that never ceases,**

L: A creativity that designed the universe,

**P: A hope that cannot be quenched,**

L: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost.

**ALL: These are the things that are of God, so let us worship God.**

~adptd. from Beth Merrill Neel

\*HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

\*UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.**
 **When we hoard your gifts,**
 **when we say, “that’s mine,”**
 **when we ignore the bounty around us,**
 **when are blind to the good,** **forgive us.**

**Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

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***\*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 *Awesome God* R. Mullins

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***

**Spirit of the Living God: as you empowered the early Christians, empower us today to be your servants of grace and justice. Free our hearts for service and bless these gifts so that they might bless others. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-46

SERMONWidening the Circle

INTERLUDE *Awesome God* R. Mullins

\*HYMN *In the Bulb There is a Flower* PROMISE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When I Fall in Love*  V. Young

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

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***Today’s Scriptures:* Matthew 22:34-46**

(The Inclusive Bible)

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: 36 “Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?” ﻿37 Jesus answered: “‘You must love the Most High God

with all your heart,

with all your soul, and

with all your mind.’ 38 “That is the greatest and first commandment.

39 The second is like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.”

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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**

**WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES**

HYMN TUNE: LAUDES DOMINI

LYRICS: Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

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

my heart awakening 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

LYRICS: Natalie Sleeth

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 to you and me.

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

there’s a spring that 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.

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.