

Zion Lutheran Church, Ferndale, MI

Order of Worship – Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – 7pm

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Opening Song: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
I'm born of his Spirit and washed in his blood

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy and whispers of love

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Opening Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray,

**People: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Turn us again, O God of our salvation, that the light of your face may shine on us. May your justice shine like the sun; and may the poor be lifted up. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Assisting Minister: We give you thanks, O God, for the in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you let your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and alight to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Reading: Isaiah 30:18 “Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore God will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for the Lord.”

*Reflection: Compassion*

Pastor: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets

**People: But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Prayers: (Assisting Minister)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For these holy places where we reside, and for all who tonight offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the health of creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who in in captivity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are feeling the stress and anxiety of this time, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For those on our hearts and minds needing a healing prayer of mind, body or spirit, especially those we speak silently or out loud... (*pause*)..., let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you. **To you O Lord.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.