## **Offertory Prayer:**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

**Creed Hymn:** "I Believe, I Do Believe" (please stand as you are able)

- Vs 1: I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator. I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.
- Vs 2: I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
- Vs 3: And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit. And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit.
- Refrain: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it. I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

## The Prayers: (call and response)

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.* Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer, especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeen, Matt Ludwig, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Kellie Peterson, and Vincent Koenig. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.** 

## **Sharing the Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always, C: And also with you.

# The Great Thanksgiving:

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

#### The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- Meal and Hymns: "Just As I Am, without One Plea"
- Verse 1: Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Verse 2: Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Verse 3: Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- Verse 4: Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Communion Prayer:** (please stand as you are able)

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.** 

Sending Hymns: "Joyous Light Of Heavenly Glory"

- Vs 1: Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.
- Vs 2: In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.
- Vs 3: You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

#### Dismissal:

## **Postlude**

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# Mid-Week Zion Worship



**Prelude** *Pianist, Debbi St. John* 

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song: "Our God Is An Awesome God" 3X (please stand as you are able)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above. With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

# **Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, and make us New.
- P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

# Reading: Isaiah 55:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

#### Children's Message

Homily - What is Preaching? Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day & Offering: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html.

- Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity May one day be restored
- Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians By our love Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love
- Verse 2: We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other

  We will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land [Chorus]
- Verse 3: We will work with each other We will work side by side. We will work with each other We will work side by side And we'll guard each man's dignity And save each man's pride [Chorus]
- Verse 4: All praise to the Father From whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one [Chorus]