

## Participating in Worship Today

Piano & Organ	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter	Phil Leavenworth
Ushers	Tom & Ruth Dobson
Reader	Palmer Haynes
Audio Tech	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread	Phil Leavenworth
Serving Communion	Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager
Serving Coffee & Treats	Dobson/Erfurth
Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Brad Brookins

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father 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 sins,*

*As we forgive those who sin 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.*

*Amen*

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“It is not joy that  
makes us grateful,  
it is gratitude that  
makes us joyful”

Brother David



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# Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost!!

July 16, 2017

### Greeting

#### Silence

*Lamentations 3:22-26*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait, to the soul that seeks. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.*

### Prelude

*God of Wonders*

#### Bringing in the Light

### 1<sup>st</sup> Song

**I Know Who Holds Tomorrow**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Song

**Bound for the Promised Land**

### \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Song

**Help Somebody**

**\*Prayer (unison)** Loving God, we confess our need; we confess your grace. Open our ears to hear your word, our hearts to receive your love and our hands to share your gifts. Feed us this morning with the Bread of Life. Fill us with the Cup of Salvation. Teach us to live in your world as those who follow Jesus. Amen.

### \*Assurance

**From II Corinthians 5. 17, 18**

*Anyone who is in Christ has become a new creation altogether. The old is finished and gone. Everything has been made new. By God's grace today you and I are forgiven and made whole, for which we all say:*

***Thanks be to God***

### \* ...And so we sing!

*Breathe on me, Breath of God...*

### What's Happening

#### Offering

**O Hell!**

...Be gone! O Hell

We have no use for you

#### Offertory

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**\* Response** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

#### \* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We see your hand at work in the world around us, Loving God, and we offer our hands to help. Make use of these gifts, make use of our lives, so that your kingdom will continue to grow on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

*"...it is gratitude that makes us joyful..."*

### The Table of Our Lord

#### We are invited

*Come As You Are*

#### Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*(The Lord's Prayer is printed on the back of your bulletin)*

#### 1st Scripture Reading

**Galatians 5. 22,23**

*Pennies from Heaven*

Steven & Kelly Brumm

#### 2nd Scripture Reading

**Philippians 4. 8**

#### Sermon

**\* Hymn #379** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (vs. 1-3)

**\* Benediction** *May the road rise up to meet you...*

#### Postlude

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***Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:***

*If you would like to submit a name or concern for this prayer list  
please call or email the church office. Thanks.*

**Serving in Worship on July 23, 2017**

Greeter: Florence Beutler

Ushers: Pete & Delores Way

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Tisha Brown

Communion Bread: Phil Leavenworth

Serving Communion: Margy Murray, Mary Penninga & Sparki

Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!!

**The Sunday School Staff** are providing materials and space downstairs in the children's area over the summer for kids who need to do something else during the worship time. There will be no adult supervision so please do not send your kids downstairs unless you are going with them, but feel free to use the space if you need it.

**Mary Lou Kollath is celebrating** her **80th** birthday on Saturday, July 22, and she wants you to celebrate with her. Festivities will be from 2-4 PM here in the Fellowship Hall. Everything will be provided so just come and share the food (there will be plenty) and the conversation (it will be lively).

## O Hell!

O Hell!

There you go again  
Rearing your ugly head  
Poison our souls, you would,  
if you could  
If you could, you would  
take us in to your hot embrace  
transmogrify our lively flesh  
into an writhing, molten mass  
of silent screams  
thick darkness  
acid smoke  
loneliness  
regret

If you could, you would  
swallow into darkness  
the very Word who said  
"Light"  
Who separated darkness  
from Light  
Who said "Good"  
to Light  
In whom there is  
none of you

O Hell! In this Light  
even you can see  
a universe kinder,  
not of nightmare dreams  
but made on purpose and  
proven by love

So, Hell

bite your forked tongue  
between your own gnashing teeth  
Lie among the coals you set for us  
and know  
The loneliness  
is yours alone  
We won't be joining you

We have a better offer  
Received while we were  
in your grasp  
Believed when darkness  
was our only companion  
Conceived, we were, in love  
cradled in Creator's  
tomb-like womb  
and Easter born  
into a world of bluest skies  
and greenest grass  
and coolest water  
and warmest embrace  
holding us safe  
far longer  
than your fires burn

Here we live

Be gone! O Hell  
We have no use for you