

Zion United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 7th --- 10:30 AM
Rev Stephen Stark
(*Please stand if comfortably able)



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

Welcome

**Passing of the Peace*

**Opening Music*

Here I Am To Worship

(as published by Survivor)

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

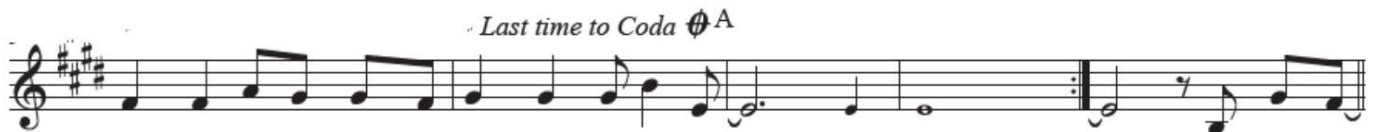


You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.



say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

1 | 2



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

And I'll nev -



er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

2



that cross.

So, here I am to



Coda

**Call to Worship*

A new world awaits
Through an open door.

Welcome into the house of God.
Discover renewal and new life.

Find hope and blessing.
Taste joy and forgiveness.

A new world awaits.
Sing praise to God who beckons us to dwell
in the new community of the redeemed.

**Opening Prayer*

Children's Time

JESUS IS THE ANSWER FOR THE WORLD TODAY

**When you let God in,
Miracles happen** CHR17

HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS CHR20

Jesus taught **LOVE**
not hate PA10

Worship Hymn

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

CHORUS

♩ = 112

E5 B/D#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; I want to

| 1, 3 | 2, 4

5 A2/C# A2 Esus E Esus

see You, I want to see You. To see You

VERSE

B C#m A2 Bsus

high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.

14 B C#m F#m11 Bsus D.C.

Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

BRIDGE

19 2 E5 B/D#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;

| 1 | 2

A2/C# A2 Esus E Esus Esus E

24 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You. see You. _____

repeat as desired

Prayers for the World

Holy Scriptures

Epistle Reading
Second Epistle Reading

1st John 1:1-2:2
Acts 4:32-35

Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Christ.

***Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

Here ends the reading of the word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Favored One"

Rev. Stephen Stark

Worship Hymn

Your Grace Is Enough

Words and Music by Matt Maher

CHORUS



Your grace is e - nough, _ _ _ _ Your grace is e - nough, _ _ _ _ Your



grace is e - nough _ _ _ _ for _ _ _ _ me. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Your



grace is e - nough, _ _ _ _ Your grace is e - nough, _ _ _ _ Your



grace is e - nough _ _ _ _ for _ _ _ _ me. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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Service of Holy Communion
(Red Wine or White Grape Juice)

Hymn of Preparation

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe

CHORUS



Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y



pow - er and His grace. _____ I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see glo - ry on each



face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Sharing The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Announcements for the Good of the Community

Prayer of Dedication

God of the Resurrection, help us use these gifts to offer hope where there is sorrow, peace where there is chaos and love where there is fear. We can do incredible things because your Spirit lives within us. Amen.

Special Music --- "You Are My King 'Amazing Love'"

**Benediction*

**Postlude Music*



Today, We Pray for...

Sharol Guerin, Dorothy Bridgeforth, June Mitchell, Bill Malina, Jody & Larry Cox, and

Janice Kolmer, Rebecca Catlin, Jim & Judy Korte, and Logan & Zoey Vallee

Carbondale Church of the Good Shepherd (Rev. Kim Magwire) & Carlinville St Paul UCC

Announcements...

- Kids Collection Corner for April is spices, such as salt, pepper, cinnamon, etc
- Pastor Stephen vacation from Apr. 8th – 16th.
- Meal & Mingle at Urban Farmhouse in Highland, IL. Sign up sheet in gathering space
- Church Wide Yard Sale; Sign up sheet in gathering space or contact office with question

Upcoming Events...

- Apr. 10th – Community Dinner (TBD)
- Apr. 15th – Council @ 7pm
- Apr. 18th – ONA Mtg @ 6:30pm
- Apr. 21st – Meal & Mingle, Urban Farmhouse in Highland, IL @ 1pm
- Apr. 27th – Church Wide Yard Sale 7am – 2pm

April 14th Service Volunteers

- Liturgists: Michelle Washburn & Bev Adams
- Techs: Rodney Washburn & Scott Billhartz
- Acolytes: Carly Zotz & Adrian Grathwohl

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Thank you to the following for assisting with services today:

Worship Leaders

Luke Davis, Rodney Washburn, & Emma Page

Acolyte

Mallory Sommers

Liturgist

Linda Bowman

Service Credits

Liturgy adapted – Fear: Service Prayers for Palm/Passion Sunday Year B,

Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky
Conference. Palm_Passion-Sunday-Lent-6B-March-24

Palm Sunday Prayer – adapted from a prayer written by Annabel Shilson-
Thomas (UK). Posted on RevGalBlogPals.

<https://revgalblogpals.org/2008/03/16/palm-sunday-prayer/>

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· EVERYONE'S TABLE ·

COMMUNITY DINNER

**You're invited to a
FREE
Community Dinner**

At Zion United Church of Christ

April 10th

5:00pm - 6:30pm



Meal & Mingle

April 21st @ 1:00 pm

**Urban Farmhouse
Highland, IL**

**Sign-up sheet available in
the gathering space**





“Receive the
Holy Spirit.

If you forgive
the sins of any,
they are forgiven them;
if you retain
the sins of any,
they are retained.”

John 20:22-23, NRSV