Participating in Worship Today

Piano: Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders: Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter: Tom & Ruth Dobson
Ushers: Tom & Ruth Dobson

Reader: Donna Stoll
Audio Tech: Burr Fontaine
Communion Bread: Phil Leavenworth

Serving Communion: Donna Stoll & Jeff Jenkins

Dishwashers: Katie Zurbuchen, Phil Leavenworth,

Tisha Brown, Jeff Jenkins

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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"Won't you be mine..."

Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ 4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude

1st Song

Sunshine in My Soul

Lean on Me

* 2nd Song

* Prayer

Holy and Present God, in our times of trouble we turn to you for direction. In our mourning we turn to you for comfort. In our fear we turn to you for courage. Today, in the love your grace inspires, may we also turn out toward our neighbors, our friends and our enemies; toward the world you have redeemed. Make us people of peace and hope. Shape us into a people who live in the the joy and wholeness that come from your abundant hand, we pray. Amen.

* Assurance

"Anyone!" Thanks be to God!

* ... And so we sing!

Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

What's Happening!

Offering

Show Time

Mary Oliver

And here come the dogs. Brushed, trimmed, polished "What on earth have they done to them!" said Ricky...

Offertory

* Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Open our hearts, Loving God, to neighbors near and far, neighbors new and old and neighbors strange and familiar. May the generosity you shower on us flow freely through to them we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18

Won't You be My Neighbor Steve & Kelly Brumm **Fred Rogers**

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 22. 34-40

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer Every Time I Hear the Spirit

* Hymn

Bless Be the Tie that Binds

* Benediction

The love and affection of the angels be to you, The love and affection of the saints be to you, The love and affection of heaven be to you, To guard you and to cherish you.

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Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

Mary Lou Kollath recovering from an accident Donna & Roger Stoll Justine Schmid's grandson diagnosed with cancer Family and friends of Laurie McNeil, who died on Monday

Serving in Worship on February 4, 2018

Greeter: Judy Edwards & Harland Erfurth Ushers: Gerhard & Sonja Luetschwager

Audio Tech: Karl Klopotic Reader: Palmer Haynes

Communion Bread: Lydia Haynes

Serving Communion: Judy Hale & Tisha Brown Dishwashers: Palmer & Lydia Haynes, Beth Albert

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service today. This is an important time for us to reflect on the past year and think together about the ways God is leading us into this new year. Please plan on staying after the worship service to participate. We need everyone's input to make the meeting, and the coming year, a success. Thank you.

Your Church Council

The Sjolinds Lenten Book club is coming back. No one else would dare combine Sjolinds and Lent, but we do. This year we will be reading a Lenten devotional book by Walter Brueggemann, <u>A Way Other than Our Own.</u> Look it up on Amazon, or wherever you get your books, and let Brad know if yore interested in joining in. We all be putting a an order for books later this week.

The Counting Committee is looking for a 2 person team to join in the rotation for counting the Sunday offering. Each team is responsible for a Sunday every 4 weeks. We will train you. You can do this. Talk to Lydia Haynes if you have any questions.

Show Time

Mary Oliver

And here come the dogs. Brushed, trimmed, polished "What on earth have they done to them!" said Ricky. "They're half shaved. And wearing pillows on their heads. And where are their tails?" It's the rules, I said. "And look at those women trying to run. They sure don't look like you." Thank you, I said. "I'm getting a headache looking at this. I have to bark!" And he began. It does no good to bark at the television, I said. I've tried it, too. So he stopped. "If I ever meet one of those dogs I'm going to invite him to come here, where he can be a proper dog." Okay, I said. But remember, you can't fix everything in the world for everybody. "However," said Ricky, 'You can't do anything at all unless you begin. Haven't I heard you say that once or twice or maybe a hundred times?"