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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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May 28, 2017 10:00am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome! *If you're a guest, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary. "FWS" Hymns are from the smaller, black hymnal, and all others can be found in the blue hymnal. Nursery care is available, so please see an usher for details.*

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* denotes when to stand for those who are able

Gathering Hymn *"Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise! Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!"*
FWS 2154

*Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day.
Take a rest and think of God. Put your work away!"
(Repeat Refrain)*

Welcome **Passing of Christ's Peace and Announcements**

***Hymn 337** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***Invitation to
Worship**



One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited here today to bless and to praise God.

Many: **We will let the sound of God's praise be heard, loud and clear, from every one of us.**

One: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept us among the living.

Many: **We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been tested to the max, but now we have become as true as silver.**

One: God has heard me, because in my heart I cherish truth and not wickedness.

Many: God hears us all and continues to love us with a steadfast and undying love. Together let us praise God!

All: Together let us praise God!

***Opening Prayer** Holy One, we are all seekers. No matter where we are in the world, no matter what our strengths or weaknesses, no matter what our language or our creed, you seek us out with the eternal parental love of the Creator. No matter that You are always present with and for us, no matter that we do not always recognize the form, no matter that we may have a dimness of sight as in a mirror, we continue to seek you with the unquenchable human desire to know You and to rest in You. In You we live and move and have our being. Guide us now to recognize that truth as we gather together with you in this hour. **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”*

Special Music

Brian White

Children's Moment Thought for the Young of All Ages *(Children come forward)*



Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Prayers of the People

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns



Morning Prayer / Silent Prayer / 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 forever. **Amen.**

**Offerings of Time,
Talent and Treasure**

Brian White, organist

***The Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

***Prayer of Dedication** You have given us the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, so that we might all know the one true God. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us be of one heart and mind with Christ, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these honest gifts as we bring them, that we all might do the work of God. **Amen.**

***Hymn FWS 2175** *Together We Serve*

Scripture Readings First Readings

Psalm 113
Romans 12:9-16b



One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Message *Contagious Hope*

Rev. Janine Wilson

***Hymn 92** *The Solid Rock*

Benediction

***Sung Response** *Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
FWS 2184 To make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
[repeat refrain above]*



*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will. [refrain]*

Postlude

Brian White

We Are Praying For

Chris Fairchild (Terri Miller's sister-in-law), Patty Gaus, Heather Rodenborg, Sue Grotty, Jon & Jackie Carlson (Jan Anible's brother and mother), Chet Hammond, Amy (Rose Ann's daughter), Sandra Nichols, Marlene Hitchcock and family, Jon and Melissa Peterson, and students: Grace Fuchs, Heath Wilgus, Lorna Patterson, and Elizabeth and Sarah Newcomb. Congratulations to Hannah and Emily Peterson on their graduation from Ohio University.

Prayer List Additions / Updates? Please review the prayer list above and leave a note/email with Mike Newcomb, Brian White or Bertie Dell regarding updates. We would like to be sure the list is as current as possible. Thank you!

Today at Zion

Liturgist Matthew Wilson

Ushers/Greeters Bob and Shirley Irvin
and Donna Reed

Sunday School Resumes in September



Birthdays

May 22 Elizabeth Newcomb

May 28 Grace Fuchs

May 31 Skylar Seward

Our sincere thanks to Bill Savely for preaching last week! Rev. Matthew Wilson preaches May 4 and Rev. Gunnar Cerda May 10.

A note about fellowship. There is now a sign-up sheet for fellowship on the bulletin board. Please consider volunteering for this. There is a cart in the kitchen to help bring items upstairs. Currently the month of June is wide open. Because May 28th is Memorial Day Sunday there will not be a fellowship time after worship on this day. If you have any questions please contact Deb Fuchs at dfuchs1@columbus.rr.com or 740-363-3863.

There are **Z-Mail newsletters** on the table by the office for those who do not have access to the internet.

Free Food! Yes! On Saturday, June 3, we'll be grilling for lunch out by the garage. You can bring a dish to share, if you'd like, but please come and enjoy the fellowship.

...Oh, and help us sort out the stuff in the garage. There's a lot stored there - treasures and junk. We can do many things with the garage, once we have it in order. One thing we're already doing is help support a local effort to gather, store, and distribute furniture to families in need.

We gather at the Lord's table every month to celebrate His love. But we haven't gathered for a fellowship meal for a long time. Please plan to join us as we begin preparing our garage to help serve those in need of God's love.

Ever pondered what it might be like to play handbells? Well, it's fun! **The Zion Handbell Choir** is looking for a few additional ringers to fill empty spots. Please talk to any of the ringers or Brian if you're interested in giving it a try. If you have any musical background with any instrument, it will translate well to handbells. Remember – it's fun!



Affirming Statement of Welcome



We, the members of Zion United Church of Christ, welcome you.

- If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White;
- If you are male, female, or transgender;
- If you are 3 days old, 33 years old, or 103 years old;
- If you've never stepped foot in a church, a synagogue, a temple, a cathedral, or a mosque;
- If you are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated, or partnered;
- If you are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or yet unsure of your sexuality;
- If you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Socialist, Libertarian, affiliated with another political party or no party at all;
- If you are pro-life, or pro-choice;
- If you have, or have had, addictions, phobias, or a criminal record;
- If you own your home, rent, live with your parents, or are homeless;
- If you have typical or atypical skills or are just beginning to sense your God given gifts and talents;

However the rest of the world describes you and however you describe yourself. You are welcome at Zion.

Being fully welcome in our community here at Zion United Church of Christ means that our congregation will:

- Always seek to affirm the person that you are with loving hearts and open minds.
- Follow the way of Christ Jesus with you in loving and being loved by both God and neighbor, with the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Love you for the person you are by living out our denomination's promise that "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion UCC."

(Portions adapted from the Affirmation of Welcome of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA; Philadelphia, PA USA)