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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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June 11, 2017 10:00am

“Widen the Welcome: UCC for Mental Health”

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 FWS 2236** *Gather Us In*

***Invitation to
Worship**

One: God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves;
Many: **the one who is weak and the one who is strong,**



One: the one who is happy and the one who is sad,
Many: **the one who is enjoying mental wellness today**

One: and the one who is struggling with mental illness today,
Many: **the one whom we understand and the one we don't,**

One: the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned,
Many: **the one who is like us and the one who is different.**

One: Come, let us worship together!

Many: **We come, trusting God's abundant love!**

***Opening Prayer** O Holy God, we all live in communities where there are people whose lives are challenged by substance abuse, mental illness and brain disorders. The families of people living with serious mental health issues often feel overwhelmed and isolated by the many challenges these issues create. Holy One, create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the struggle for justice. We offer this prayer in the name of the Risen Christ who makes all things new. **Amen.**

(Call to Worship and Prayer courtesy of UCC Mental Health Network)

***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! 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, Alleluia.*

***Prayer of Dedication** O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Hymn FWS 2128** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Scripture Readings **First Reading** Lamentations 5.19-22



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

Gospel Reading Luke 8.26-39

Message *"Forgotten, Forsaken, Restored"* Rev. Gunnar Cerda

***Hymn FWS 2130** *The Summons*

Benediction

***Sung Response** *Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
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

Jacob Hernandez (grandson of Ann Elliot), Bob Bailey (Susan White's step dad) 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 Mike Newcomb

Ushers/Greeters Bill and Shirley
Keesee

Sunday School Resumes in September



Birthdays

June 12	Deb Fuchs
June 13	Emily Peterson
June 15	Jason White
June 16	Garrett Fields
June 16	Whitney Bruno
June 18	Ann Elliot

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Matthew Wilson for preaching last week and to Mark Butler for sharing the message. Rev. Bertie Dell will preach on June 18 and Rev. Gunnar Cerda on June 25.

Special Offering Today: Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

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. 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.

Zion Website Updated. You can take a look at our new website at uccdelaware.com and feel free to give any feedback to Brian White or Mike Newcomb. In addition, we are attempting to make sure our online calendar is correct for meetings and church use, so let Brian or Mike know if you have any events or reoccurring meetings at the church. They'll get it on the online calendar which is visible on our website.

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)