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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 18, 2017 10:00am**

**Father's Day**

**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** *Halle, Halle, Halleluia!*  
**FWS 2026**

*Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia!  
Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia!*

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

**\*Hymn 1** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\*Invitation to  
Worship**

**One:** On this Father's Day, we remember and celebrate those fathers of yesterday and of today who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God.



**Many:** **Today, may our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ. We want to be counted among those who will inherit the kingdom by living lives that are pleasing to God.**

**All:** We seek God's presence and blessing as we sing God's praises. We recognize ourselves as God's children, and we gather in this sacred place to witness to God's power.

**\*Opening Prayer** Forgive us O God, for our failure to live with integrity. We want to show with our lives our love for you. But there are times when we forget your promise; that those who love you will

receive the kingdom. There are times when popularity, to be approved of by our friends and family; to be 'somebody' in the eyes of the world is enticing. Sometimes the desire to protect ourselves from criticism outweighs the greater need to speak to the injustices we see all around. In those moments, O God, we forget about people like ourselves who sacrificed everything because they did not fail to show their love for you. Remind us that we too can live with that kind of integrity. Be patient with us. **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

Moriah Marquis

**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

Moriah Marquis

**\*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.*

**\*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 2155** *Blest Are They*

**Scripture Readings** **First Reading** Matthew 5:1-12



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

**Second Reading** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

**Message** *All Our Fathers* Rev. Bertie Dell

**\*Hymn FWS 2051** *I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

**Benediction** *This Is My Father's World, And to my listening ears*  
**\*Sung Response** *All nature sings, and 'round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's World: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the wonders wrought.*



**Postlude**

Moriah Marquis

## 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.

**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

**Ushers/Greeters** Bob and Shirley Irvin and Mike Newcomb

**Sunday School** Resumes in September



### Birthdays

June 21 Russ & Jan Anible

June 23 John & Judy Ufferman

June 25 Gary & Nikol Stout

June 29 Dan & Deb Fuchs

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Gunnar Cerda for preaching last week. He will preach again next week.

**Council members.** Matthew Wilson, Nate Jenkins, Amanda Rodenborg, Dan Fuchs, Jan Anible and Kellye Powell.

**Special Offering.** If you didn't have the chance to give to the Strengthen the Church offering last week, you can still give this week. 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](mailto: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](http://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)