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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 4, 2017 10:00am

Communion Sunday

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 This is the Day, (echo) This is the Day

That our Lord has made, (echo) That our Lord has made,

We will rejoice, (echo) We will rejoice, And be glad in it, (echo) And be glad in it. This is the Day that our Lord has made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the Day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Welcome Announcements/Passing of Christ's Peace

*Hymn FWS 2117 Spirit of God

*Invitation to Worship One: All elders and youth,
Many: Come and worship!



One: All you saints, all you sinners,

Many: Come and worship!

One: Wise counselors, teachers, parents and all in

authority, you who think deep thoughts, all of you

who heal the sick and do miraculous acts, all

preachers of the Gospel, all who can discern differing spirits, everyone gifted with tongues, you who

are interpreters of tongues,

Many: Come and worship!

One: All you whose spirits are red with the power of the

Great Spirit,

All: Come and worship! Alleluia! Alleluia! We praise

God with one voice, one body, one church, one

mind, one spirit.

*Opening Prayer

God of the heart, God of the fire and smoke, you have invoked our presence here this morning with your great gift of the Holy Spirit. May this service of worship and praise be worthy of your challenge to us. May we turn the Spirit's reign in our hearts to fire in our lives. May we glow red with power and love. May we wear our fiery hearts on our sleeves for all who have eyes to see! **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."

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**

*The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

With these our earthly treasures, we give thanks to you, O God. We sing praises to your name, O Spirit. O Holy Fire of Love and Glory, you who touch the mountains and they smoke, we honor you all the days of our lives. O Christ, as you have given yourself away to make us holy, we are blessed by giving ourselves away to you. **Amen.**

*Hymn FWS 2120 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Scripture Readings First Reading

John 14:8-17,25-27



One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Message *Receiving the Spirit* Rev. Matthew Wilson and Mark Butler

Communion Hymn FWS 2255 In the Singing

Holy Communion

Invitation and Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession



God of every nation, our gifts are yours to use, yet we often take them to ourselves and hide them from one another and from you. We confess that we know we cannot hide from you, that our gifts are for giving away in your world for your work. Forgive us for running our spirits to frivolous things. Forgive us for forgetting what integrity means: living the shapes you have given us, right now, until our blood and our fire reveal your holy, red power.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiveness is your balm for us when we fail you. Thank you, God of the wind and flame, for sharing yourself with us in the blood of the lamb, the fire of the ascension and the smoke of the Holy Spirit.

Sharing the Elements

(At Zion, we practice an open communion table. Children may partake at parent's discretion. Red is wine, clear is juice. Gluten free bread is in the center.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the presence of your grace in this Holy Meal. Continue to nurture us in faith and courage so that our lives may proclaim the good news of your love and be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Through Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen**

*Hymn 159 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Benediction *Sung Response 155

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me, Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Postlude Brian White

We Are Praying For

Patty Gaus, Heather Rodenborg, Sue Grotty, Jan Anible's brother and mother, Jon & Jackie Carlson, Chet Hammond, Rose Ann's daughter Amy, Sandra Nichols, Marlene Hitchcock and family, Angie and Skylar Seward, Jon and Melissa Peterson, and students: Grace Fuchs, Hannah and Emily Peterson, Heath Wilgus, Lorna Patterson, 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
Liturgist Rev. Janine
Wilson
Ushers/Greeters Dan &
Deb Fuchs
Zion Handbell Choir
After worship today
Voices of Zion
Weds. Night 6:15



Birthdays

June 5 Mary Avey

June 6 Phyllis Brewer

June 6 Bob Irvin

June 6 David Powell

June 6 Bill Gaus

June 9 Jean Sheppard

Announcements

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Janine Wilson for preaching last week. Rev. Gunnar Cerda preaches June 11.

A note about fellowship. Thank you to all the volunteers for providing and serving light refreshments for fellowship. Deb Fuchs is looking for volunteers for open Sundays: May 14 and 21. There is now a cart to use to help transport items upstairs, and it will be located in the kitchen.

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

Summer Lunch Program

During the school year, kids who can't afford to buy or bring a lunch get them free at school. When school's out for the Summer they can still get them at the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch program. This year, the program is operating at the Second Ward Community Initiative at 54 Ross St. near Woodward Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. If you think you can spare some time to help, please see Mike Newcomb at church, email him at msnewcomb@frontier.com, or call him at 614-266-0051.

Zion at Family Promise

Zion members are serving at Family Promise during the week of June 11, 2017. We still need volunteers to prepare meals. If you can't do a whole meal, just a single dish will help. Please see Mike Newcomb at church or call him at 614-266-0051.

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)

