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

Matthew Wilson - Council President

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July 16, 2017 10:00am

**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, This is the Day,  
That our Lord has made, That our Lord has made,  
We will rejoice, We will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, 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 Passing of Christ's Peace and Announcements**

**\*Hymn 658** *O Zion, Haste*

**\*Invitation to Worship**



**One:** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Many:** **For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

**One:** So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**All: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

**\*Opening Prayer** Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we are least expecting it. Help us, now, to rest in your presence. Be our welcome Guest not only here but everywhere we go this week. Show us how to receive all that you offer us. May we remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true, for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine. We pray this in the name of your Anointed One, Jesus the Christ. 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."*

**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**

**\*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** Generous God, we share what we have because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer. Bless our tithes and offerings that they may become seeds of hope for those in need of being filled with good things. Open our eyes to see the strangers you call us to welcome. Empower us to receive them as you do, with radically inclusive hospitality. May we recognize and delight in the gifts they share with us. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn 395** *We Plow the Fields*

**Scripture Readings** **First Reading** Psalm 65:1-13



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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**Message** *Seeds* Rev. Seth Stout

**\*Hymn FWS 2162** *Grace Alone*

**Benediction**

**\*Sung Response** *We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the Word. Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand; O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*

**Postlude**

## We Are Praying For

Harriette Fairchild (Terri Miller's Mom), 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

**Liturgist** Bill Savely

**Ushers/Greeters** Rose Ann Haynes  
and Mark Miller

**Sunday School** Resumes in September



### Birthdays

July 11 Larry Ufferman  
July 12 Scott Powell  
July 15 Hannah Peterson  
July 18 Chelsea Caslow  
July 25 Sue Johnston  
July 26 Wayne Rogers  
July 30 Jan Anible

### Anniversaries

July 20 Brian & Susan White

July is filled with great Sunday services. Rev. Seth Stout gave inspiring messages on July 2 and again today. Thanks to Greg Patterson and cast members from "Godspell" for their wonderful musical contributions to the service last week. Preaching next week will be Rev. Beth Staten, who was the excellent baccalaureate speaker at MTSO this year. You will want to be here! And July 30 will be another special day, when Grace Fuchs will share her reflections on her international trip earlier in the summer.

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

**A note about fellowship.** There is now a sign-up sheet for fellowship on the bulletin board. Please consider volunteering for this. Currently, most Summer Sundays are open. There is a cart in the kitchen to help bring items upstairs. 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!



**Arena Fair Theatre Presents.** Godspell: the musical of Parables from St. Matthew, composed by Stephen Schwartz. Showtimes: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today. Chappellear Drama Center (Ohio Wesleyan campus) Go to [www.arenafair.com](http://www.arenafair.com) for ticket info.



## 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)