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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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July 30, 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 the Lord Has Made*

*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 Insert** *Creator God, Your Fingers Trace*

**\*Invitation to  
Worship**



**One:** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

**Many:** **Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.**

One: And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky.

**Many: And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.**

**All: And God saw that it was good**

**\*Opening Prayer** One: Praise to you, O God, source of all waters. For vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains we give you thanks.

**Many: Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share; teach us to care for the gift of water.**

One: Praise to you, O God, creator of the dry land. For mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies we give you thanks.

**Many: Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care; teach us to live gently on the land.**

One: Praise to you, O God, breath of life and maker of air. For wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life we give you thanks.

**Many: Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air.**

One: Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all things living are fed.

**Many: Help us to serve, defend, and restore your creation.**

**All: Help us care for your people. Help us care for the earth.**

**\*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

**\*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**

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created to tend the Garden of Earth, to care for this planet we call home. We thank you for this gift and all the gifts you have given us. We return now a portion in the hope that it will advance the work of peace and justice on Earth. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn 389** *Let All Things Now Living*

**Scripture Readings**      **Scripture Reading**      Genesis 1 (Selected Verses)



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

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

**Message**

Grace Fuchs

**\*Hymn 9** *Teach Us What We Yet May Be*

**\*Sung Benediction** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
**Hymn 681**

**Postlude**

Brian White

### **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!

**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.

## Today at Zion

**Liturgist** Nancy Townley

**Ushers/Greeters** Donna Reed and  
Sally Kraly

**Sunday School** Resumes in September



## Birthdays

July 30 Jan Anible

Aug 4 Betsy Johnson

## Anniversaries

Aug 5 Larry & Debbie  
Uffermann

Our message this morning is given by our own Grace Fuchs, who will be a junior at Ohio University this fall. Grace had a fantastic experience this summer, as she participated in an Ohio study abroad program in the Balkans. She was featured in great coverage in Tuesday's Gazette, with a small picture at the top of page 1 and an article and picture on page 3. The article is posted on the bulletin board.

Rev. Dr. Herbert Hicks, who was guest speaker on April 30, will preach again next Sunday.

**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.

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)