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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 9, 2017 10:00am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Call *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!*
(congregation join in as directed)

Call to Worship Leader: John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."
Many: **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**
Leader: Make straight paths for him.
Many: **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**
Leader: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit
All: **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**

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

Special Music *Save the People*

Leader: Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered:

One: "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

***Opening Prayer** Lord God, your love for humankind present in the beginning of
(unison) all things extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit and through our worship together, and empower us to serve you, this day and all days. **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.”*

Godspell Cast Parables based on Luke 18:10-14 and Matthew 5:23-26
Music: *Day by Day*

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.**

Hymn FWS 2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

Offerings of Time, Talent and Treasure One: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the Earth.

Musical Selection: *All Good Gifts*

***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** *(unison)* Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. We celebrate the talents offered by our guests today. Accept and use all our offerings for your glory, to spread the word of your teachings and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn 619** *I Love to Tell the Story*

Scripture Readings **First Reading** Matthew 22: 36-40



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

Second Reading Matthew 6: 1-14, 19-21

Godspell Cast *Learn Your Lessons Well*

✝ Lesson based on Matthew 6: 24

Bless the Lord

✝ Lesson based on Matthew 5: 3-12 (The Beatitudes)

Light of the World

*** Hymn FWS 2234** *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

Benediction One: Go. Proclaim the good news and
***Sung Response** be the "Light of the World."

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!
(one verse only, congregation join)

Postlude *We Beseech Thee*

We Are Praying For

The family of Dick Swisher, on his recent death, 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 Greg Patterson

Ushers/Greeters Chuck and Nancy
Townley

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

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Seth Stout for preaching last week. We look forward to hearing from him again on July 16. The preaching schedule is complete through August 13.

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 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!



Arena Fair Theatre Presents. Godspell: the musical of Parables from St. Matthew, composed by Stephen Schwartz. July 14, 15, 16; Chappellear Drama Center (Ohio Wesleyan campus) Go to 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)