



**Zion
United Church
of Christ**

51 W. Central Ave.
Delaware, OH
43015

Phone:

740-362-6691

Web:

uccdelaware.com

Email:

zion@uccdelaware.com



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

Matthew Wilson - Council President

Brian White - Music Director
Angie Seward – Secretary

August 13, 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.*

CCLI #3197471

* denotes when to stand for those who are able

Gathering Hymn *Awesome God*

*"Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love our God is an awesome God."
(sing three times)*

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

***Hymn FWS 2196** *We Walk by Faith*

***Invitation to
Worship**



One: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Many: **We need this kind of hope.**

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

Many: **We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.**

***Opening Prayer** God of Presence, as Jesus walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. God of Renewal, as Jesus lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life.

God of the Journey, direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of 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**

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** Loving God, we believe that you have saved us, you are saving us and you will save us. We offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Use us; multiply us and these gifts we have placed at your altar, to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place and around the world. **Amen.**

***Hymn 73** *I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

Scripture Readings **First Reading**

Psalm 85



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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Message *Step By Step*

Rev. Matthew Wilson

***Hymn 454** *Trust and Obey*

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

Postlude

Brian White

We Are Praying For

Jon and Melissa Peterson, All First Responders (Police, Fire, EMT...etc.), Jan Wilson (Matthew's mother); Karen Rainey (a friend of Ann Elliot) 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), Caleb Merendino, Chet Hammond, Amy (Rose Ann's daughter), Sandra Nichols, Marlene Hitchcock and family, 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 Janine Wilson

Ushers/Greeters White Family

Sunday School Resumes in September

Anniversaries

Aug 24 Gunnar & Beth Cerda



Birthdays

Aug 21 Mary Lou Smith

Aug 21 Bertie Dell

Aug 25 Joel Wilson

Aug 26 Matt Fields

Aug 29 Mike Newcomb

Aug 31 Carol Moffett

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

Our thanks to Rev. Dr. Herbert R. Hicks for preaching last week and to Rev. Matthew Wilson for offering God's message this week. Next week's preacher will be Rev. Audrey Connor.

Friday August 25: Cookies and Questions with Pastor Beth 5 pm-6:30 pm.

Saturday August 26: Potluck on the Lawn (weather permitting) Come visit with Pastor Beth and enjoy fellowship with friends 11 am-1pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday August 27: Beth Staten preachers. A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship to vote on calling Beth Staten.

Car and/or Dog Wash! This Sunday from 11am-3pm, the Delaware City Schools Grand Pacer Marching Band is holding a car and/or dog wash next to Ace Hardware on Central Ave. to benefit their program. Swing by after church and support the band! See Elizabeth White if you have any questions.

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.

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)