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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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**August 20, 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*  
**FWS 2040**

*"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 2084** *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

**\*Invitation to  
Worship**

**One:** We praise Creation's God:  
**Many:** **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!** .



**One:** Let each single voice praise God:  
**Many:** **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

**One:** Let all voices together praise God:  
**Many:** **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

**One:** Let the great multitude of nations praise God:  
**Many:** **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

**One:** With all Creation we praise God:  
**Many:** **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

**\*Opening Prayer** We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may your Shepherd-Lamb lead us to act for your justice and peace, so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray: 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.**

**Moment for Mission** Habitat for Humanity

**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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Jesus, trustworthy shepherd and guide, invites all of us to follow him in the way of justice and peace. We recognize in him the Spirit of the Creator, and we respond in generosity and love. So we ask that the Creator take these gifts and multiply them for the healing of the world. Blessing and honor; glory and power! Amen.

**\*Hymn 53** *Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord*

**Scripture Readings** **First Reading**

Psalm 16



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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

John 10:22-30

**Message** *"One True Voice"*

Rev. Andrey Connor

**\*Hymn 601** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*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 Rodenburg, 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** Mike Newcomb  
**Ushers/Greeters** Russ and Jan Anible  
**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.

**Preaching today:** Rev. Audrey Connor is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In her twelve years of ministry, she served as Associate Minister in Knoxville, Tennessee, and Lynchburg, Virginia. In the last three years, she followed another passion that she began in her undergraduate life with a math major and education certification. She currently teaches high school math at The Charles School while also working (very) part-time as chaplain in the OhioHealth system. She is very excited to share in the experience of the Word with us all!

Our thanks to Rev. Matthew Wilson for preaching last week and to Rev. Audrey Connor for offering the Gospel message this week. **Next week** we will hear from Pastor Beth Staten. Information below:

**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.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Most people seem to think that *Habitat for Humanity* builds houses for poor people. This is not their mission. Habitat gives working people a hand up, not a hand out. Find out more this Sunday. You'll also be able to sign a stud that will be built into a Habitat home this Fall. We encourage a generous donation, but even if you can't give much, come and sign a stud, anyway.

**A note about fellowship.** There is now a sign-up sheet for fellowship on the bulletin board. Please consider volunteering for this. Currently, most upcoming 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)