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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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August 27, 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 *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 2012** *Let Us with a Joyful Mind*

***Invitation to
Worship**

One: This is the day that our Faithful Creator has made;
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



One: Extol the Everlasting One, all you nations!
All: **Praise the Prince of Peace, all you peoples!**

One: Not to us, Glorious One, not to us, but to your name
give glory,
All: **for the sake of your steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

One: For the faithfulness of the Alpha and Omega endures
forever,
All: **And great is the Trinity's steadfast love towards
us.**

One: The Almighty One is my strength and my song;
All: **The Ancient of Days has become my salvation.**

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good,
All: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**
- *Excerpts from Psalms 115, 177 and 118, adapted*

***Opening Prayer** Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:
waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;
waiting to be filled with new energy for service.
Come to us, we pray.
Be with us.
Touch us.
Empower us as your people that we might worship you here,
and act in the world for Jesus' sake.
Amen.
- *Sally Stevens Smith, UCC Book of Worship*

***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** Extravagantly Generous God,
All good gifts around us come from you.
As a people, we bring you this offering of our gifts and of ourselves.
May it and we be used to strengthen this church
as we join with others to reveal your liberating reign:
the Kingdom of God,
in which all are welcomed, restored, and given a mission.
Amen.

***Hymn 462** *Living For Jesus*

Scripture Readings **First Reading** Isaiah 51:1-5



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

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

Message Pastor Beth Staten

***Hymn 574** *Revive Us Again*

Benediction
One: Peace be with you
All: And also with you

Sung Response *Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up*
Hymn FWS 2176 *those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always*
be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a
servant today.

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 Rose Ann Haynes
and Johnnie Hoopes
Sunday School Resumes in September



Birthdays

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. Audrey Connor for preaching last week.

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship to vote on calling Beth Staten.

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 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)