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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 6, 2017 10:00am

Communion Sunday

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, (echo) This is the Day
That our Lord has made, (echo) That our Lord has made,
We will rejoice, (echo) We will rejoice,
And be glad in it, (echo) 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 / Announcements

***Hymn FWS 2020** *Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpets*

***Invitation to Worship**

One: The day breaks
All: **And God does not let us go.**



One: The hour calls
All: **And God does not let us go.**

One: The evening falls
All: **And God holds us fast.**

One: Let us turn to God in worship
All: **God, who never turns from us.**

***Opening Prayer**
(unison)

God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties. You see our possibilities, you see our promise. Connect the dots for us, O God. Soften the hard spots with your blessing. Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names. Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fish and manna from heaven, for you are a good God, a God present in the scramble, and in the end, you always, always have a blessing. For this and so much more, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glorify 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;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of increase and bounty, Source of all good things: we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts be as loaves and fish for those who find themselves in poverty or hunger. May this act of giving bring about change in our lives, change in the lives we touch, change in the systems that harm. through Christ, who gave so much to save. **Amen.**

***Hymn FWS 2126** *All Who Hunger*

Sermon Text ????



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

Message *The King Who Lost His Toes* Rev. Dr. Herbert R. Hicks

Today's Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21 -- Jesus Feeds the Hungry Multitude*

Communion Hymn *Time Now to Gather*
FWS 2265

Confession God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. In silence, let us confess these shortcomings to God.



(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

Words of Institution On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, saying, "Take and eat, for this bread represents the sacrifice of my body, a sacrifice made for you."

And likewise, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he passed it to them, saying, "This cup represents my blood, poured out for the many."

Happy are we who are called to the table of our Lord.

Sharing the Elements *(At Zion, we practice an open communion table. Children may partake at parent's discretion. Red is wine, clear is juice. Gluten free bread is in the center.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us
(*unison*) with the presence of your grace in this Holy Meal. Continue to
nurture us in faith and courage so that our lives may proclaim
the good news of your love and be a rainbow of hope in an
uncertain world. Through Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen**

***Hymn FWS 2221** *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now*
FWS 2184 *To make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.*
[repeat refrain]

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

[refrain]

Postlude

Brian White

We Are Praying For:

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, 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 Bertie Dell
Ushers/Greeters Dan
and Deb Fuchs

Anniversaries

Aug 5 Larry & Debbie
Uffermann
Aug 7 Pete & Sue
Johnston
Aug 24 Gunnar & Beth
Cerda



Birthdays

Aug 4 Betsy Johnson
Aug 8 Libby Powell
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

Announcements

Thanks to Grace Fuchs for her inspiring message about her peace and environmental trip this summer. The article from the Gazette is on the bulletin board. We're proud of her! Rev, Matthew Wilson will speak on August 13.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Herbert R. Hicks as he returns to Zion today. Rev. Hicks became pastor of his first church in June, 1958. A graduate of Cincinnati Christian University and Lexington Theological Seminary, he has done over ten years of continuing education at Princeton. He retired from First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Zanesville in 2002, from Interim Ministry at St. Paul's UCC in Somerset, PA in 2005 and from part-time ministry at Zion Reformed Church (UCC) in Thornville in 2015. Dr. Hicks and his wife Shirley serve as Covenantal Elders for Central Southeast Association.

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

News from Rev. Matthew Wilson, Council President: Pastor Beth Staten has agreed to accept the terms of call we have offered her! She will lead worship again on August 27, and a congregational meeting will follow when a vote will be taken to ratify the agreement. This is the first official notice of that meeting.

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)