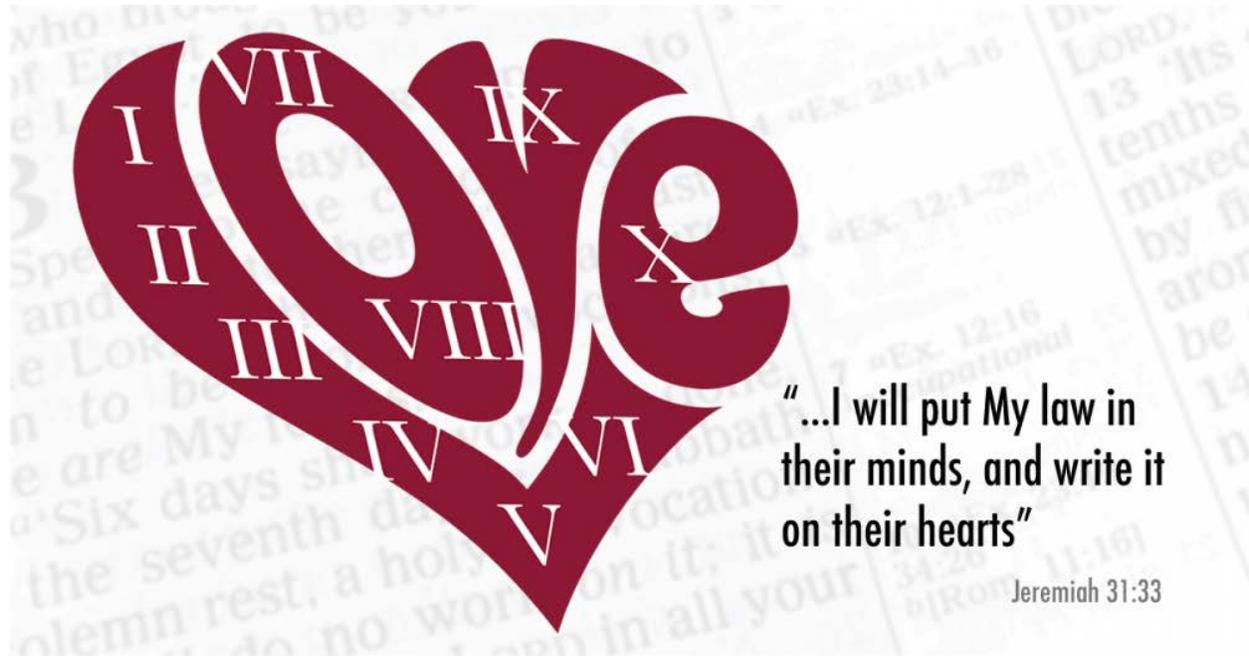


Zion
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LOWDEN, IOWA



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“...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts”

Jeremiah 31:33

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2020

9:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

The candles on the altar are lit, reminding us of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

FAITH IN ACTION – ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Moderato Con Moto”

by Cesar Franck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from *A Wee Worship Book* (Iona Community)

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

We praise You!

You fashioned the earth and all that lives there,

We praise You!

You give breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk on it.

We praise and thank You, O God!

That the eyes of the blind be opened, the broken-hearted be healed, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness.

Your Kingdom come, O Lord. Your will be done.

So shall we sing a new song, O Lord,

And praise Your name forever!

* HYMN

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Forgive us. Help us to forgive each other, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reconciliation

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

... Believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

SONG OF LOVE

*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.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Contemporary English Version

The Lord said:

The time will surely come when I will make a new agreement with the people of Israel and Judah. It will be different from the agreement I made with their ancestors when I led them out of Egypt.

Although I was their God, they broke that agreement.

Here is the new agreement that I, the Lord, will make with the people of Israel:

“I will write my laws on their hearts and minds.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

“No longer will they have to teach one another to obey me. I, the Lord, promise that all of them will obey me, ordinary people and rulers alike. I will forgive their sins and forget the evil things they have done.”

PSALTER

Psalm 46: 1 – 7, 10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

... ‘Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

Easy-to-Read Version

The Pharisees learned that Jesus had made the Sadducees look so foolish that they stopped trying to argue with him. So the Pharisees had a meeting. Then one of them, an expert in the Law of Moses, asked Jesus a question to test him. He said, “Teacher, which command in the law is the most important?”

Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: ‘Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself.’ All of the law and the writings of the prophets take their meaning from these two commands.”

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are

called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Bind Us Together"

by Bob Gillman

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Written by Rev. Moira B Laidlaw

Gracious God, we offer these gifts in response to Your great love for us. We offer our lives because we love You with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to love as Jesus loves and to serve as He served. This we pray in His name. Amen

*** HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
With craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right One on our side, the One of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed the Truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; One little Word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ, Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; Whose kingdom is forever.

***BENEDICTION**

***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 and ever. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE** (*sung by all*)

The Lord bless and keep you,
 The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.
 The Lord bless and keep you,
 The Lord lift His countenance on you and give peace, give you peace.
 Shalom. Shalom.

***SENDING FORTH**

Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. We will! Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

by Graham Kendrick

** The Light of Christ is carried out into the world.*

Thank you to those Serving Today!

Organist:	Carter Horman
Reader 1:	Johny Amina
Reader 2:	Nathan Nabb
Videographer:	Drew Behrens
PowerPoint:	Jaydon Nabb
Ushers:	Senior High Fellowship
Ministers:	All God's People
Interim Pastor:	Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams

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YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

COMING UP AT ZION

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Youth-Led Worship

Worship at 9:30 am

Christian Education at 9:30 am (begin in the sanctuary)

[View the Online Worship Bulletin for Oct. 25](#)

Senior High Fellowship Meeting at 10:45 am

MONDAY, OCT. 26

Worship & Music Committee Meeting at 6 pm

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Herald newsletter articles due

SATURDAY, OCT. 31 - ALL HALLOWS' EVE

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am – Set your clocks back!

Totenfest and Holy Communion

Worship at 9:30 am

Christian Education at 9:30 am (remain in the sanctuary for worship)

Video Camera and PowerPoint Training following worship

[VIEW THE ZION CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS](#)

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[FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM WORSHIP LINK](#)

[VIEW THE ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR OCT. 25 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE FROM HOME.](#)

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

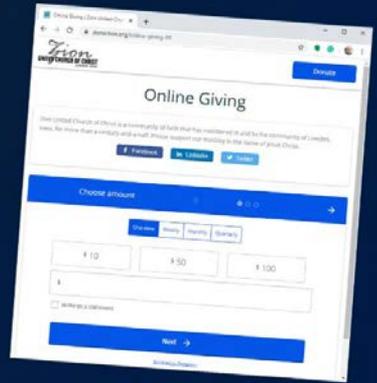
The Church Council met Oct. 21. Here are highlights of the meeting:

- A transition team of five members will be created to prepare the local church profile for our pastoral search. This will be followed by formation of a search committee.
- The Building & Grounds Committee's proposal for organizations and committees to "adopt-a-room" was approved. This will be an effort to identify renovations needed in the various spaces of the church.
- To enhance communication and improve timeliness of distribution, church council, organization and committee meeting "highlights" only will be published in the Herald newsletter. Full meeting minutes will be available at the church or sent by request.
- The council approved a preliminary process to consolidate 24 church bank accounts to be effective Jan. 1.
- Church staff job description updates and performance reviews will be completed by the end of the year.

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ANYTIME!



SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

We are blessed by God's presence both in our lives and throughout our faith community. During the pandemic, more than ever, we continue to need your financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of Zion. We thank you in advance. In addition to traditional giving methods, we offer the ability to initiate an [online gift](#) by going to our [Giving](#) webpage.

SNOW REMOVAL NEEDED

The Building & Grounds Committee is looking for someone to remove snow at the church this winter. This includes sidewalks surrounding the church (excluding the parsonage area), steps and entrances. Areas need to be cleared as soon as possible after a snowfall and upon request. This position could be shared and may be in a volunteer or compensated capacity. Please submit a written proposal to the church office by **Nov. 11 at noon**. Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

LOST YOUR KEYS?

A set of keys was found at the church. Contact the [church office](#) to claim.

PRAYER MINISTRY

We are updating our Prayer Chain. This group is a way for prayer requests to be quickly shared with the Zion community throughout the week. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Susan](#).

WE NEED MORE OF YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with **reading scripture** during worship, providing **special music**, operating the **video camera** and running the Power Point **slide presentation** during worship. Please consider helping with these very important parts of our weekly worship service. Contact the [church office](#), [Pastor Susan](#) or [Aaron Horman](#) if you are interested in helping out. **A training session on operating the video camera and Power Point slide presentation will be held following worship on Nov. 1. Please join us!**



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Thank you for supporting Neighbors in Need! Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Zion will continue to collect this offering throughout October. For more information, go to the UCC's [Neighbors in Need](#) webpage.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

In October, the Missions Committee is collecting office supplies for the church office. Supplies that are needed include: clip boards, file folders, sheet protectors, wide packaging tape, rolls of tape for dispensers and reams of paper (20-lb. weight). There is a table in the Main Entrance for you to place your donations. Thank you.



"VIRTUAL" CROP WALK 2020

For many years Zion has participated in the CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger. And, in 2020, we will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Join with us **virtually** in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year. This year our walk will be virtual but you can still lace up your shoes and walk individually, as a family or in a small socially-distanced group at your leisure as you support those in need. Our area CROP Hunger Walk will support the work of the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the Referral Center in DeWitt. CROP Hunger Walks also support the global disaster response and development work of Church World Service, the walk's national sponsor. Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world. To participate virtually and make your pledge online, go to the local [CROP Hunger Walk](#) webpage.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm
(or by appointment).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday from 8:30 am to Noon.

If you have church news or information to share in the weekly Zion News, please e-mail news@zionuccclouden.org.