



RINGING OF THE BELL

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

OUR FAITH IN ACTION - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Joy Combs, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God of abundant love.

Open our hearts, Lord, to hear Your voice!

How shall we serve the Lord our God?

With our heart, our mind, our soul, and our strength,

We have been blessed by God.

All: Together, let us worship God with joy!

*HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory No. 610

Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all
Before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!
Be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me:
As He died to make us holy,
Let us live to make all free;
While God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
While God is marching on.

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

***UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

It is never easy to admit how foolish we are, Approaching God. You have chosen us for yourself, and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts. You promise to be with us in every moment, but we can find little time for you. You send your Word to us, but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay attention.

Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us. Speak to us, so we might listen, and in hearing be transformed into your people. Fill us with holiness, so we might give ourselves wholly to others. Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely, even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is our assurance: God forgives us.
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.
This is our truth: God is with us always.

**We will speak the truth;
we will live in God's hope;
we will share God's mercy.**

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**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN - HONORING OUR VETERANS

Kelly Nabb

***SONG OF LOVE**

Jesus Loves Me

*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.*

[Children are excused to Christian Education classes]

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Jody Yutesler

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

New Living Translation

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

“Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

“But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Aaron Horman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First

***DOXOLOGY**

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
 we lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
 we bless Your holy name: glad praises we sing.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

HYMNEternal God, so Strong to Save*

*Lyrics: William Whiting & Robert Nelson
 Spencer (Tune: Melita)*

Eternal God, so strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
 Who told the mighty ocean deep – its own appointed bounds to keep.
 O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!

O Savior, whose almighty Word, the winds and waves submissive heard,
 Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage didst sleep,
 Protect them by Thy guarding hand From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, Whom our God has sent to spread abroad the firmament;
 O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight;
 And keep them by Thy watchful care From every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, preserve their lives in danger's hour,
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go.
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea!

*Lyrics: William Whiting & Robert Nelson Spencer (Tune: Melita)
 Inclusive Language Hymns based on The Pilgrim Hymnal, #429*

***CHARGE** – *from the Byzantine Vespers*
Knowing the commands of Christ, let this be our way of life:

Let us feed the hungry,
Let us give the thirsty drink,
Let us clothe the naked,
Let us welcome strangers,
Let us visit those in prison and the sick.
Then the judge of all will say even to us:
Come, you blessed of the Lord,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you!

***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 in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! AMEN.

***POSTLUDE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*** Please stand if you are able**

Serving Today:	
Worship Leader:	Aaron Horman
Liturgist:	Jody Yutesler
Children's Message:	Kelly Nabb
Organist:	Joy Combs
Ushers:	August Harms, Ann Harms, Annette Behrens
Videographer:	David Niermeyer
PowerPoint:	Carter Horman



**“...choose you this day whom ye will serve ...
but as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.”**

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Join us for worship at Zion this Sunday at 9:30 am.

COMING UP AT ZION

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

Worship at 9:30 am

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

[View the Online Worship Bulletin for Nov. 8](#)

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

HACAP Mobile Food Pantry at Bennett Ambulance Building from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans Day

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Worship at 9:30 am

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

Missions Committee Meeting at 10:40 am

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

Due to COVID-19, it is REQUIRED that face coverings be worn at all time inside the church building for worship services, meetings, and other church functions. Also, please practice social distancing throughout the church. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of the virus.

Sunday worship is available in-person and online. Worship is livestreamed on [FACEBOOK](#) and posted to our [YOUTUBE](#) channel later in the day and later in the week on local cable channels. The livestream video begins about 9:20 am.

[FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM WORSHIP LINK](#)

[VIEW THE ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR NOV. 8 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE FROM HOME.](#)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS WANTED

We are looking for individuals or families to light the Advent candles beginning Nov. 29. If you would like to participate, please contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Susan](#).

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

November/December issues of the The Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available to pick up in the Main Entrance.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE.

2020 has brought new challenges for the annual CROP Hunger Walk. This year's walk will look a little different, but the purpose of the walk stays the same; to help near and far fight against disease and disasters that leave people hungry. Here is how you can continue to help: **Walk. Give. Change.** This year a virtual walk is allowing congregational teams, families and individuals a chance to decide on the best walking route or other activity. Nov. 14 is the DeWitt Chapter date, but you can [donate online](#) or decide to walk at another time if it is more convenient. To participate virtually and make your pledge online, go to the local [CROP Hunger Walk](#) webpage.

SEND YOUR MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

If you are the secretary or recorder of a church organization or committee, we encourage you to submit highlights of your meeting to be published in our Weekly Zion News Update and Herald newsletter. Having a brief discussion at the end of your meeting to select the top three or four takeaways is a good way to successfully wrap up your time together and keep the Zion community informed of the work of your organization or committee. Send your meeting highlights to news@zionucclouden.org and look for them in an upcoming edition of Zion News.

INTRODUCING OUR TRANSITION TEAM

We are excited to announce the formation of a Transition Team that will be tasked with the important work of discerning who we are as a church and who is God calling us to become. One of the most important tasks for this team will be to guide the congregation through a review of pastoral expectations in part-time vs. full-time ministry. The culminating work of this group will be the development of our local church profile to be shared with potential pastoral candidates. Serving on the transition team are:

Terry Lasack, Lonnie Luepker, Sue Monson, David Niermeyer and Jan Olsen. We thank these folks for making this commitment and hope you will engage with this group as they solicit your feedback. Look for further communication in the weekly Zion News e-mails and Sunday worship announcements.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

In November, the Missions Committee is collecting items for the Food Pantry. Needed items include canned meats, pasta and sauces, peanut butter and jelly. Please consider supporting this important ministry. There is a table in the Main Entrance for you to place your donations. Thank you.

USHERS ARE BACK IN ACTION

Since returning to worship this summer, the church council served as greeters and ushers. In October, we invited our scheduled ushers to again participate in the service in a modified role. We are asking those scheduled to usher to arrive around 9 am on Sundays. Adjusted duties include serving as greeters before worship begins (just inside the doors of the main entrance), carrying the offering plates up to the altar during the Doxology and ushering out at the conclusion of the service. Thank you for extending a warm greeting to our members and visitors. We appreciate your involvement in worship.

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.



AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during worship. If you have decided to worship with us from home during the pandemic or are home-bound and would like to receive communion, please contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Susan](#). We would be happy to arrange a time for you to safely visit the church or schedule a time for in-home communion.

CONTACT ZION

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:
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If you have church news or information to share in the weekly Zion News, please e-mail news@zionucclouden.org.