



### Greetings

Welcome to the community in Christ at Zion United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our hand in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way.

May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

\*Amplified hearing devices are available through our ushers.

June 21, 2020

Daring Discipleship

9:30 am

\*Please stand as you are able

Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

*We Prepare to Worship God*

Prayer & Prelude "Through Cathedral Window"

*by Helen Stover Guthals*

*We Gather Around God's Word*

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: The sun shines more brightly. Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

**All: So we shake free of our routines.**

One: In this new moment, we wander about the wilderness: Hoping God will open our eyes. Praying God will make us worthy because we want to grow with God.

**All: Let us grow together in the wild ways of our God.**

Prayer of Invocation: (in unison)

Awesome God, you do great and wonderful things. It's what makes you our God. There is nothing else in this world like you. There's nothing else like your love. Awesome God, come and worship with us. Help us to grow in your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Pastor Steve: There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So rejoice my sisters and brothers because we are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Many: Praise be to God! Amen.**

Musical Interlude: "Glory, Glory" *arr. Joyce F. Johnson*

The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers

## We Engage God's Word

### Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Matthew 10:24-39

Our Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Separated Unification"

### Offering Declaration

Our Awesome God has helped and comforted us and it is so good! We will not be distressed. Not anymore! We will work in this goodness to mend every broken branch on our family tree. We will use our gifts and offerings to build the body of Christ here and in the whole world. Thank you for your gifts.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Magnificent God, grow our gifts in your love. Bless them, our hearts and our hopes in your love and make us worthy of your work in this world. Fill each of us with your goodness. In Jesus name be pray. Amen.

### Musical Interlude "Orwigsburg" by *Elisha A. Hoffman*

## We Are Sent into the World

\*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

### \*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude "God is Our Salvation" by *Chester Nordman*

### Serving Today

Liturgist: Jean Stepp Organist: Sue Monson

Ushers: Church Council

Video: Aaron Horman

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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ZION PRAYER LIST

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Luann Gottschalk	Brian Hoffmeier	Marlene Wiedenhoff
Rose Horman	Gladys Conrad	Daniel Johnson
Roger Huffman	Viola Thomas	Chad Minor & fmly
Carol Boedeker	Neal Mess	Kylee Schmalfeldt
Donna Breneman	Bruce Hoffmeier	Florence Deerberg
Helen Gottschalk	Berniece Minor	Pearl Huffman
Marcus Barnes	Rick & Mary Balke	Evelyn Unteidt
Elda Doermann	Nancy Loeffelhol	Mark Winder
Rhonda Scholenfelder		
The family of David & Vickie Boettcher		
p.s. "Dear God, pull us together in Jesus Christ!		

## **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out  
proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the LORD has brought me  
insult and reproach all day long.

<sup>9</sup>But if I say, "I will not mention his word  
or speak anymore in his name,"

his word is in my heart like a fire,  
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering,

"Terror on every side!

Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends

are waiting for me to slip, saying,

"Perhaps he will be deceived;

then we will prevail over him

and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;

so my persecutors will stumble and not  
prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;

their dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous  
and probe the heart and mind,

let me see your vengeance on them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD!

Give praise to the LORD!

He rescues the life of the needy  
from the hands of the wicked.

### **Matthew 10:24-39**

<sup>24</sup> “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don’t be

afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

**32** “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

**34** “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to turn

““a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

**36** a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

**37** “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.