



LIVE BY FAITH

GROW IN GRACE

WALK IN LOVE

*Confirmation*

*Faith Statement*

*Sunday*

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 28, 2020

Holy Welcome

9:30 am

**\*Please stand as you are able**

Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

**We Prepare to Worship God**

Prayer & Prelude "He Will Remember Me" - *E.M. Bartlett*

**We Gather Around God's Word**

**A Reading from Psalm 45**

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: God, at times the days and nights seem long as we tire. So You bring us to gentle places.

**Many: You are our shepherd, we need nothing.**

One: Sometimes, life is moving too fast, and we can't find a moment to breathe. So You surround us with stillness and bring an even rhythm to our breath.

**Many: You are our shepherd, we need nothing.**

One: Sometimes, we're parched, and it seems nothing will quench our thirst, and then You refresh and fill us.

**Many: You are our shepherd, we need nothing.**

One: Sometimes, the valley is dark and we're afraid. But then we feel Your strength, and we have courage.

**Many: You are our shepherd, we need nothing.**

One: There are the times when it seems we're up against the world,

**Many: You show those who push against us that you called us to serve. You touch us, and we are blessed.**

One: We will praise You and dwell with you forever, O God.

**Many: We will worship You this day and always!**

**Musical Interlude** "St. Catherine" by *Henri F. Hemy*

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Magnificent God who sees all that we can see and everything that we cannot, we gather in awe of your vision that is broad and vast. Be with us now as we worship you. Awaken us to your holiness, inspire us with your creative power, and peel back our layers of anxiety and fear. Wake us to trust fully in your love for us as we struggle and strive to be who you call us to be, in Christ's holy name. Amen,

## \*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

### Prayers of the People

#### Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: 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.**

## *We Engage God's World*

### Scripture Reading

John 1:14-18

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

### Message: Faith Statements from

Johny Amina    Sophie Poppe    Carter Horman

Musical Interlude: "Erie" by Charles C. Converse

## We Respond to God's Word

### Offering Declaration

Pastor: God sees all things! God sees our comings and our goings, our strengths and our weaknesses, our needs and our desires. God sees the potential we do not see in ourselves. Thank you for sharing your gifts out of the abundance that is God's vision for us!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Glorious God, all that we have, all that we give this day already belongs to you. But we chose to return what is needed to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. Bless our gifts and give us vision to use them to glorify you. Amen.

## We Are Sent into the World

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

\*Commissioning & Benediction

\*Postlude "Yes, I Believe" - Turner/Blanchard

### Serving Today

Reader/Liturgist: Jean Stepp

Organist: Sandra Horman

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Ushers: Church Council

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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## Information Corner

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**or** set up a time that works best for you.

ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch	Pastor Scott
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Rose Horman	Gladys Conrad	Daniel Johnson
Roger Huffman	Viola Thomas	Chad Minor & family
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
Briana Terlisner	Rhonda Scholenfelder	

**p.s. "Dear God, keep us on the learning path all our lives!"**

**Psalm 45:1-4**

- <sup>1</sup> My heart is stirred by a noble theme  
as I recite my verses for the king;  
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the most excellent of men  
and your lips have been anointed with  
grace,  
since God has blessed you forever.
- <sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your side, you mighty  
one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
- <sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride forth victoriously  
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;  
let your right hand achieve awesome  
deeds.

## **John 1:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

## **2 Corinthians: 12: 7b-10**

<sup>7b</sup> Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.