



"Fully Restored"

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 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

9:30 am

*Please stand as you are able

Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Genesis 1 & 2

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Many: Alleluia.

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Many: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

Many: Rejoice! We are here and everywhere as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

Amen.

Prayer of Invocation: (in unison)

Holy Creator you have birthed us into life, Holy Redeemer you have nurtured us and saved us along our way, Holy Sustainer you enable us to be fully who we were created to be. In you God, we live and move and have our being. We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship. This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude: "St. Anne" by William Croft

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray. Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune—one with another; an image of community with shared blessing and mission. You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations.

Many: Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose.

Leader: We have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Many: Forgive us God; we have defiled your image.

Leader: We have regarded some of your children as "other" and therefore, beyond the reach of your love and care because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof, is different from our own.

Many: Forgive us God; for we have sinned.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God created us to be in relationship with God and each other. Now God yearns to see our broken relationships restored and God has heard our prayer. In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers

Musical Interlude "Spirit" by James K. Manley

We Engage God's Word

Scripture Readings

Matthew 28:16-20

2 Corinthians 13:5-14

Our Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Fully Restored"

Offering Statement (responsive)

One: God has blessed us with the gift of life.

Many: Our best response is to offer our whole lives as channels for God's mission in the world.

One: And to build the kingdom of God.

Many: We give to you O God so Christ's ministry may flourish. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Glorious God, receive these gifts and our very lives for your service. Multiply them and our effort to build your kingdom for we are yours God in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

*Postlude

Serving Today

Liturgist: Jean Stepp Organist: Joy Combs

Ushers: Church Council

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch	Elda Doermann
Luann Gottschalk	Brian Hoffmeier	Marlene Wiedenhoff
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	Pastor Scott	
Nancy Loeffelhol	Rhonda Scholenfelder	

p.s. "Thank you God for your Triune presence in our lives!"

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After much discussion and prayer, the church council of Zion has made the decision to resume in-person worship on June 7, 2020. Worship for the summer will begin at 9:30 am. This decision was not made lightly and without concern for the gravity of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the potential risks that may still be present with in-person gatherings. While the church is more than a building, for many members worshipping in our sanctuary and in the community of others is an important part of their faith journey and relationship with God. With a continued stable or downward trend in confirmed COVID-19 cases within Cedar County and surrounding counties, the church council feels that in-person worship can safely resume with precautions and worship service modifications.

We encourage our members who are most at-risk to continue to worship with us at home; according to the CDC guidance, this includes anyone who is age 65 and older or those with underlying health conditions. If you have a fever, exhibit respiratory symptoms or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or otherwise potentially been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days, please stay home. We will continue to make services available online and via local cable channels. We are also exploring options for "livestream" broadcasts on Sunday mornings. We want you to come back to in-person worship only if you are healthy and when you are comfortable and feel safe.

There is no doubt that in-person worship will be different. We will be practicing social distancing in every aspect from the time you enter the church building to how you are seated in the pews and how we interact during worship to dismissal after the service. In accordance with CDC guidance, we encourage you to wear a cloth face covering or mask. The precautions that we will take are for your safety and all members who choose to worship in-person.

While we are phasing in in-person worship, all other church activities and events remain suspended through June 30. The church council will continue to evaluate the situation and make decisions about resuming other aspects of church life and make plans for the confirmation service in the coming weeks.

The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings beginning June 9. We ask that you continue to conduct business by phone or e-mail if possible. If you must visit in person, please practice social distancing. As always, pastoral care continues to be available and Pastor Steve will do everything possible to meet your pastoral needs. If you need pastoral care or just need someone to talk with, please contact Pastor Steve at 563-941-7726.

The time for you to return to worship may be now or it may be several weeks or months away. No matter when that time is; know that we continue to love you and promise to seek ways to fulfill your spiritual needs through online worship, Bible studies and other outreach for the duration of the pandemic and beyond. We realize it will take time for many of you to become comfortable with our new way of worship. We ask that you extend the utmost of Christian respect to your fellow brothers and sisters as we are all at different points along the path of navigating our new normal.

As Christians we place our trust in God and pray for strength in the face of adversity. This crisis has challenged our faith and our humanity. Please continue to lift prayers of healing for our community, nation and world.

Zion Church Council

Genesis 1:1-5, 31-2:3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Corinthians 13:5-14

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶ And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷ Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. ⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. ⁹ We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. ¹⁰ This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.