



*Will*  
**~~What Would You Give?~~**

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.

July 26, 2020      Weaving the Future

9:30 am

\*Please stand as you are able

Church Bell      Welcome and Announcements

**We Prepare to Worship God**

Prayer & Prelude "Morning Has Broken" *Lyndell Leatherman*

**We Gather Around God's Word**

**Call to Worship**

One: God says, I am the Lord your God, have no other God's before me.

**All: Come O God, make us strong so we can put you first in our lives.**

One: Christ teaches us there is nothing more precious than God's love

**All: We come to this place to know you O God so that you will always be first in our lives.**

One: God gives us love, enough love to share and all we need do is love God first.

**All: Let us lift our voices to God and share with God the first fruits of our love!**

**We Are United In Prayer** (in unison)

Glorious God, we know that you are to be first in our lives. We are to love you first and then share your love with others. But we confess that our lives are filled with the clutter of this world. We often put ourselves and our stuff first and you second. Forgive us God and help us realize that you are the one true God who unites us in Christ and through him we will rejoice with you in your kingdom forever. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Pastor: Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The good news is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

## **All: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Interlude: "Servant Song" by Richard Gillard

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

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers

### 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 Word*

#### Scripture Readings

Genesis 29:15-28

Matthew 13:44-52

Our Multigenerational Lesson "Senior Recognition"

Sermon "What ~~Would~~<sup>Will</sup> You Give?"

Musical Interlude "Talavera Terrance" by Colin Gibson

#### Offering Declaration

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ because he is the One who offered his life for us so that we could be heirs to God's kingdom. Thank you for helping to build that kingdom now in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Life-giving God, in the midst of this world we proclaim a place for all who are weary and burdened to come and join us as we worship you and give thanks for your many blessings. We vow to continue to reach out with open arms and grateful hearts to all

those who seek Jesus Christ in their lives. Amen.

## We Are Sent into the World

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

\*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude "Lord, Keep Your Hand On Me" Redd Harper

### Serving Today

Liturgist: Jody Yutesler Organist: Sandra Horman

Ushers: Church Council

Video: David Niermeyer

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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### ZION PRAYER LIST

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| Joan Weimann     | Blake Proesch        | Pastor Scott       |
| Luann Gottschalk | Brian Hoffmeier      | Marlene Wiedenhoff |
| Rose Horman      | Gladys Conrad        | Daniel Johnson     |
| Roger Huffman    | Viola Thomas         | Chad Minor & fmly  |
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| Marcus Barnes    | Rick & Mary Balke    | Evelyn Unteidt     |
| Elda Doermann    | Nancy Loeffelhol     | Mark Winder        |
| Briana Terlisner | Rhonda Scholenfelder |                    |

p.s. "Dear God, enable us to choose wisely!"

## Genesis 29:15-28

<sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

<sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

<sup>22</sup> So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. <sup>23</sup> But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

<sup>25</sup> When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

<sup>26</sup> Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. <sup>27</sup> Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

<sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

### **Matthew 13:44-52**

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in

baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

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| 26                                                                                                        | 27 | 28                            | 29                               | 30                               | 31 | 1   |
| 9:30 am<br>Worship Service<br>Mask required<br>Senior Recognition<br>Mission Meeting<br>following Worship |    | 8:30- 12:00<br>Office<br>open | 8:30-<br>12:00<br>Office<br>open | 8:30-<br>12:00<br>Office<br>open |    |     |
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*Congratulations to our  
 2020 Seniors  
 Mariah Behrens  
 daughter of Dean & Mandi Behrens  
 Jacob Gottschalk  
 son of Royce & Lisa Gottschalk  
 Addison Luepker  
 daughter of Lonnie & Stacie Luepker*

Outdoor Service August 9, 2020  
 at the Lowden Memorial Park South Shelter.  
 Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a day in the park!

**Thank you for wearing your mask while  
 you are in the church.  
 It is the best way to prevent spreading  
 COVID-19.**