



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 5, 2020

Chosen Journeys

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 the Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Call to Worship: (responsive) (*Matthew 11:16-19*)

One: Jesus says Come to me—Everyone! So when we play a joyful tune

Many: we'll dance together and rejoice as one!

One: When I sing a lament

Many: we'll weep together and support one another!

One: When I chant for justice

Many: we'll chant together for justice and claim the peace of Christ!

Prayer of Invocation: (in unison)

Marvelous God, come to us...immerse us in the beauty of life with you! Come to us, Savior Christ... energize our community with the intensity of your love! Come to us, Holy Spirit...inspire our community to urgently seek your justice in the world. We pray in the name of the One who calls us to play and to work in community, Jesus, our beloved. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Pastor: Jesus Christ helps us even when we are pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different than what God wants. Jesus' actions set things right in this life of contradictions and now we can serve God with all of our heart and mind. So rejoice in the forgiveness because in Jesus you can begin all things anew in God's grace.

All: Praise be to God for we are forgiven! Amen.

Musical Interlude: "Roeder" by Carl F Schalk

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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Matthew 11:25-30

Our Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "LOVE!!!!"

Musical Interlude "Chereponi" Arr. Jane Marshall

Offering Declaration

The treasure of God's glory is Jesus, shining in our hearts as we hold treasure in the vessels of our lives.

As you leave, share freely the gifts you have been given so that the glory of God may be known in the works of community, justice and peace. Thank you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Glorious God, we thank you for all that we have received. Our families, our friends, our homes, our food, and...well everything we have. Take what we give today knowing we are thankful and help us to

use them to show the world your glory, shining through our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

Serving Today

Liturgist: Julie Hoffmeier Organist: Joy Combs

Ushers: Church Council

Video: Cheryl Boedeker

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch	Pastor Scott
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	Florence Deerberg	Helen Gottschalk
Berniece Minor	Connie	Pearl Huffman
Marcus Barnes	Rick & Mary Balke	Evelyn Unteidt
Elda Doermann	Nancy Loeffelhol	Mark Winder
Briana Terlisner	Rhonda Scholenfelder	

p.s. "Dear God, help us to love one another right now!"

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸ Listen! My beloved!

Look! Here he comes,
leaping across the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.

¹¹ See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

¹² Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their
fragrance.

Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from

Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River^[a] to the ends of

the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of

my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the

waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of

hope;

even now I announce that I will

restore twice as much to you.

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ " All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ " Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."