



*"Faith Over
Troubled
Waters!"*

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.

August 9, 2020 When All Seems Lost 9:30 am

Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

Call to Worship

One: Give praise to our God, proclaim God's name!

All: Tell the nations what God has done.

One: Sing to God with praises from your heart

All: Enlighten everyone of all God's wonderful acts.

One: Glory in God's holy name.

All: Seek God with all your hearts so that you may rejoice in God's love.

One: Look to GOD and know God's strength.

All: Seek God's face always and you will be blessed forever!

We Are United In Prayer (in unison)

Glorious God, you remember the covenant you made with us. A covenant of faith and forgiveness.

They are promises made thousands of years ago and promises that are still made today. Give us strength when we fall and comfort when we fail, so that we will get up and continue our walk of faith for you. Forgive us God and give us the strength to continue our journey in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: When we walk in the footsteps of Christ, we are given the power to resist evil. When we fail, but turn back to God with repentance, we receive forgiveness because Christ has given himself for us so that we may have another chance to walk with God. So, rejoice because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ.

Many: Thanks be to our God, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer of our lives. Amen.

Musical Interlude: "Garden" by C. Austin Miles #237 2x

The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers

Reception of New Members

Invitation and New Member Vows

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.

Congregation's Vows

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer and Welcome

Musical Interlude: "DIX" by Conrad Kocher #28 2x

We Engage God's Word

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18

Matthew 14:22-33

Our Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Faith Over Troubled Waters!"

Offering Declaration

Sisters and Brothers, look around and see the beauty of God's creation made for you and me. Thank you for allowing that beauty to soak into your hearts and make them generous so that this church's work may continue in the 21st Century!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Life-giving God, wherever we are, there you are in our midst, watching over us and caring for us. We respond by caring for this church and your creation with these offerings. Bless our gifts so that we may share Christ's message with all those we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#299 2x

Musical Interlude: "Sine Nomine" by Ralph Vaughan Williams

We Are Sent into the World

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude "This Is the Day"

Serving Today

Liturgist: Jean Stepp Organist: Joy Combs

Ushers: Church Council

Video: David Niermeyer

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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Kings 19:9-18

⁹There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch	Pastor Scott
Luann Gottschalk	Briana Terlisner	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	Terry & Doris	Bilsland

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

Back to School! It is the time of the year to think about getting ready to return to school and the supplies kids might need. Things will look a little different as school starts in the middle of a pandemic, but the children of our community still need supplies and we want to help.

The Zion UCC Mission Committee is asking you to support our Back-to-School supply drive. We are seeking donations of the following items: composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, earbuds, crayons, markers, Expo dry erase markers, plastic pocket folders (with or without prongs), disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, pencil boxes, and Kleenex.

If you would like to donate, please bring items to the church located at 402 Main St., Lowden, on Tuesday through Thursday between 8:30 am and noon or on Sunday mornings. There will be a cart inside the door by the elevator for you to drop off your items.

Sun	M	Tues	Wed	Th	Fr	Sat
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 am Outdoor Worship Service Welcome New Members Mask recommended		8:30- 12:00 Office open	8:30- 12:00 Office open	8:30- 12:00 Office open		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 am Worship Service Mask required		8:30- 12:00 Office open	8:30- 12:00 Office open	8:30- 12:00 Office open		

**Marilyn Klahn is
celebrating her 80th
Birthday on
Friday, August 14th.
Happy Birthday Marilyn!**

**We will receive new
members today!
WELCOME
Sandy Esbaum
Francis & Vickie Fisher
Ted & Deanna Licht
Steven Licht**

FOOD PANTRY

**You can bring in food to the church or make a
monetary donation to the Pantry.
Check our website for what kind of food is needed.
Remember to check expiration dates
on your food items donated.
Thank you for your help.
Zion Mission Committee.**

**HACAP mobile Food Pantry, August 11
Please wait in your vehicles and drive thru for pick up.
Food will be pre-boxed.**