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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 • 9:30 AM

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, please ask anyone in the community. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105: 1-2

O give thanks to the LORD;

Call on the name of the LORD, and tell the world what God has done!

Sing to the LORD, and sing praises; and tell of God's wonderful works

Glory in God's holy name!

*HYMN

Christians, We Have Met to Worship [Tune: Holy Manna #556]

**Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Forgive us, O God, for those times we have resented newcomers coming into our part of the Lord's vineyard. When we seek forgiveness for ourselves, but deny forgiving others; when we are jealous of Your abundant grace -- forgive us, O God.

Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat Your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves. Give us enough trust to live securely in Your love, to share freely with others in open-handed confidence that Your grace will never run out. We pray in Jesus'

name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reconciliation

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

. . . In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE IN COMMUNITY

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

YOUTHFUL LESSON

After the youthful lesson, children will be dismissed to Sunday School classes.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16: 2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Still My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel

PRAYERS

A sharing of community and world prayers.

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

Wonderful God, bless and use these our gifts, that they may be a blessing to those who need food, housing, and help in time of trouble. Strengthen us and Your church, that we would have the courage to obey Christ's call. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 77

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

BENEDICTION

. . . go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you.

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**Amplified hearing devices are available from the ushers.*

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am to Noon. Linda Behrens, Church Secretary

Pastor Susan's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 am – 2 pm, and by appointment. Work from home Mondays & Saturdays. Fridays off.

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists:	Aaron Horman	Ushers:	Church Council
Organist:	Sue Monson	Acolytes:	Tucker Coppess
Vocalist:	David Niermeyer		Cadence Horman
Accompanist:	Sue Monson	Videographer:	Jody Yutesler
Ministers:	All God's People	Pastor:	Rev. Sue Schneider-Adams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to COVID-19, it is **REQUIRED** that face coverings be worn at all time inside the church building for worship services, meetings, and other church functions. Also, please practice social distancing throughout the church. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Children will begin worship with us in the sanctuary and then dismiss for class following the Youthful Lesson.
- Join us for **Work Day TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 pm**. There are several exterior church projects including trimming bushes, weeding, and painting that need to be done. Pizza will be served at the conclusion. The rain date is Sept. 27. Please join us!
- A "Lost & Found" table has been setup in the main entrance. Please check this table for any items that you may have left at the church.
- The Missions Committee is collecting cleaning supplies during the month of September that can be used by the church custodian. Donations are being accepted of the following items: Clorox wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, 5 oz. paper cups for the bathroom dispenser, Swiffer Sweeper refills, toilet bowl cleaner, garbage can liners (13-gallon and 33-gallon sizes), Kleenex tissues, and hand soap.
- The Memorial Committee is accepting names for be added to the Memorial Monuments located at Lowden Memorial Park. The three monuments have been relocated to the newly renovated Memorial Garden on the west side of Lowden Memorial Park. The cost of each name plaque is \$100.00. If interested, please contact Jan Olsen (941-5511)

PRAYERS

If you have a prayer request or an emergency pastoral need, please contact the church office or Aaron Horman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 20	9:30 am	Worship Service and Christian Education
	10:30am	Mission Meeting
	2:00 pm	Church Work Day
	3:00 pm	Ea. Ia Association Annual Meeting - Zoom
Monday, Sept. 21	5:30 pm	Evening Circle at Fox's Pond
Sunday, Sept. 27	9:30 am	Worship Service and Christian Education