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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul

by Sibelius

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Come into this place of worship where no gulf exists between us and God.

P: **God meets us here in this time and in this place.**

L: Come! Come to worship if you are thirsty for the cooling water that God's grace provides.

P: **We come to worship God, who soothes us and brings us comfort.**

L: Come! Come and hear what God will say to you this day and be changed by your encounter.

All: **God of all that is, seen and unseen, meet us in this place and fill our hearts as we worship you.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 8** (black hymnal)

Praise to the Living God

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God we come to you now to confess our sins. We confess that we are sometimes blind to the pain that others feel. We confess that we do not always do the work that you call us to do. We confess that our deeds sometimes hurt those who you call us to serve. Almighty God we confess that we are not always aware of your children, we are not always aware of how our own actions may hurt those whom you love. Forgive us, God. Forgive us for the times that we are not aware. Forgive us for the times when we do not serve fully as your disciples. Forgive us for the things that we have done and for that which we have left undone. Good and gracious God bring us fully into your love and into your kingdom. Show us your ways and inspire us to seek you and your kingdom above all else. Grant us your grace that we might live fully in your presence, as your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 759 (black hymnal) *Glory to the Creator*

ALL SING: Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31 & 1 Timothy 6:6-19

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 448 (black hymnal) *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

(8:00 AM) **INSTALLATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER** Sydney Cooper
COVENANT

L: Members of this household of faith . . . Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

P: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

We Are Yours, Lord

by Price, Besig

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings

by

Joncas

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal) *We Give You But Your Own*

ALL SING: We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be; All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 408** (black hymnal)

All My Hope on God Is Founded

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

arr. Mayo

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Thank you to the Worship Choir and to the Children's Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Acolyte: Weston Wagaman

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Welcome Team: Becky & Jerry Hester, Charlie & Joann Test

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jon, Heidi, Emily & Megan Merritt

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 2, 2016 AT 9 AM

Dear Mt. Zion UCC,

On behalf of the Mt. Zion search team and church council, this announcement is to make you aware of a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 9 AM. At this meeting, we will be voting on two important aspects of congregational life.

First, on September 8th, the Search Team interviewed and unanimously recommended to church council, the call of Pastor Danielle Neff to Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion. On Sunday, September 18th, Church Council unanimously affirmed this call and on Sunday, October 2nd, as a congregation, we will have the final vote to affirm Pastor Danielle as our Senior Pastor. This decision comes after our successful Self Study in which you, as our congregation, reported on your wishes for the future of Mt. Zion.

It is also our intention, on October 2nd, to have a congregational vote to approve the Church profile, which would be used in our search for an Associate Pastor to be called to Mt. Zion. Using the information from the Self Study, our Self Study team spent significant hours researching, preparing and writing the Church Profile which has also been affirmed by Church Council. We ask that the congregation help us make the important step forward in our search process by approving the profile. The church profile is a detailed description of Mt. Zion and the community of York and what we, as a congregation, are looking for in an Associate Pastor. The profile is available for download by using the following link: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/forms--documents.html>. It is password protected, contact the church office for details. There are also a limited number of paper forms in the narthex and church office. We encourage you to review the profile prior to the meeting on the 2nd.

Once again, this is an incredibly important meeting in the life of our church family and we strongly encourage your attendance and participation on Sunday, October 2nd at 9 AM.

God Bless,

Clyde Snyder and Danika Dallam
Moderator and Vice Moderator of Church Council

