

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sibling Rivalry: Joseph & His Bros

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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE** *As the Deer* by Wagner

(10:30 AM) **PRELUDE** *Jesus Loves Me* (Avery Shindler & Travis Pinci duet)
by Bradbury

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

ALL: There is no place we can go where God cannot find us.

One: If we stray so far from God's path that we cannot find our way back,

ALL: Even there, God's hand shall lead us and keep us safe.

One: Even if darkness covers us and we can see no light,

ALL: The night is as bright as day, for God is the light of the world.

One: Come, let us worship our God,

ALL: Let us follow Jesus our Savior, our Brother, who leads us into light.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 417 (black hymnal)

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 423 (black hymnal, refrain)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

ALL SING: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand had provided, great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50: 15-21

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 581 (black hymnal)

Lead Us From Death to Life

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Travis Pinci)

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by Delaney Shindler) *Ode to Joy* by Beethoven

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Nearer My God to Thee

by Mason

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2185 (FWS, see below)

For One Great Peace

♩ = 150

Piano

1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. This pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. This check I write, this march I join, this

4

stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

7

pearl I str-i-ng, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I m-e-nd, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small pl-a-ce, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 538 (black hymnal)

Standing at the Future's Threshold

*BENEDICTION

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

2226

Bind Us Together



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

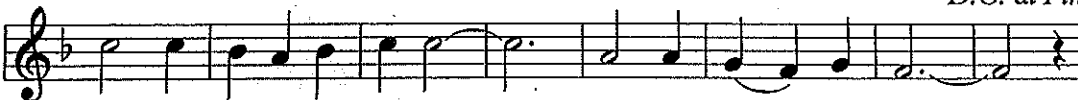


bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. —

Fine



There is on - ly one God, — there is on - ly one King; —



There is on - ly one bod - y, — that is why we sing. —

D.C. al Fine

*POSTLUDE

Come Let Us Sing

by Paxton

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all volunteers who helped Bill with the flooring project downstairs by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Ryan Neal's birthday by Nanny, Pappy, & Aunt Janie.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Melissa Christine Neff by Alan, Dani, Sam, Liam, & Grace Neff.

Thank you to Avery & Delaney Shindler for providing special music at the 10:30 AM service today.

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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy & Bob Ensminger, Barbara Krier, & Lynwood Schleeter

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Wagaman family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹The call to worship was shared, with permission to use in worship, on the *Rev-O-Lution* website at <http://rev-o-lution.org/2014/09/05/worship-resources-for-september-14-2014-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/> Accessed August 28, 2019.

²Bracken-Long, Kimberly. "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." *Google Books*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, books.google.com/books?id

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This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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* Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain

C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

"Lead Us from Death to Life". . . continued

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
 3 Let jus - tice ev - er roll, let mer - cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

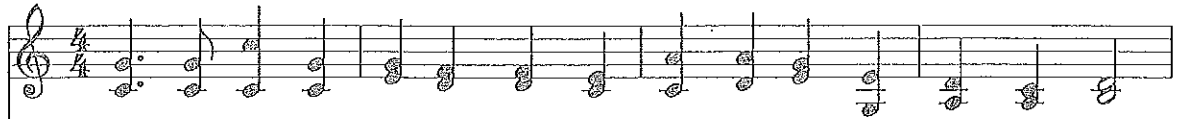
peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus - tice roll, let
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain

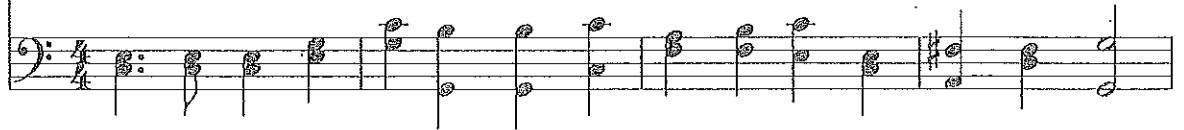
mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

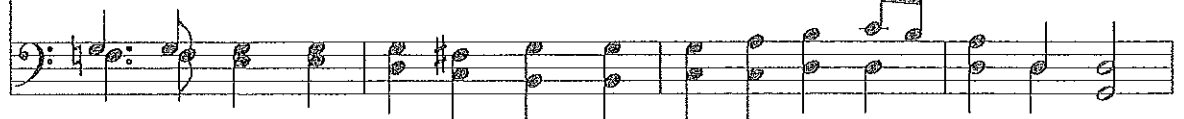
Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 12.11.9.10. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1985



1 Stand-ing at the fu-ture's thresh-old, grate-ful for God's guid-ing hand,
 2 Midst the teem-ing cit-ies' mil-lions, wit-ness to God's bound-less love,
 3 O-pen-heart-ed in ex-chang-es with the faith-ful not our own,
 4 Build-ing jus-tice as the bul-wark of the peace that God would give,
 5 Je-sus Christ, é-ter-nal Sav-ior, Source of life and truth and grace,



Ask-ing no pro-TECT-ed strong-hold, called to be a pil-grim band,
 Reach-ing for each sys-tem's lost ones, seek-ing jus-tice with each move;
 Trust-ing God's way with these strang-ers not to leave the truth un-known,
 Mak-ing sac-ri-fice the hall-mark of the life we're called to live:
 We would ask no spe-cial fa-vor, with the low-liest seek our place,



Seek-ing ev-er for new vi-sion of the gos-pel for our day,
 Grant us cour-age, strength, and pa-tience to con-tend with vi-cious power,
 Join-ing them in shared en-deav-or where we have Christ's clear com-mand,
 Grant us, God, to bear our wit-ness to this peace in Christ, and move
 Know the in-as-much of serv-ing, have your cross as our com-mand:



Paul Gregory served as East and Southeast Asia secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries from 1957 to 1986. This hymn was written for the conclusion of the 175th anniversary of that board, and looked to the mission challenges of the future. "Inasmuch" in stanza five is a reference to the command Jesus gives in Matthew 25:40.

Tune: LUX BOI 8.7.8.7.D.
 Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

OVER →

We move for-ward in God's mis - sion with our faith to show the way.
Lead us for-ward in the faith that gives us hope in test - ing's hour.
We have faith that calls us ev - er toward this good earth's prom - ised land.
For-ward with our faith's own ac - cess to the life of hope and love.
Lead us in this faith un - swerv - ing for - ward as your pil - grim band.

NO. 538 - PG. 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 1, 2019

Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

This weekly announcement sheet is included on Mt. Zion's website.

TODAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Eco Justice Advocates Meeting, 9 AM in the parlor
- ~No Sunday School
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

THIS WEEK

- ~Church Office closed, Mon., Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day
- ~Ridgerunners, Wed., Sept. 4th, carpool to Lancaster for Amish Luncheon, meeting 11 AM at the church
- ~Care Disciple Training, Wed., Sept. 4th, 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Sept. 5th, 7-8:30 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School in their respective classrooms
- ~Bible Sunday during 10:30 AM service
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Single's Lunch at Marino's, 12 PM
- ~Youth Group at the Revs, 1 PM

The Monthly Mission for September is Olivia's House. Olivia's House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education. Your donations will go towards this worthy cause.

Our monthly mission for August was split between Hoffman and Homewood Homes. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send \$978.00 to each. We also have currently received \$1,214.50 to the **Blanket Sunday offering.**

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of September the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene items (bar soap, shampoo/conditioner (2 in 1), toothbrushes, toothpaste, & deodorant). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service on Sunday, September 29th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Oktoberfest Kick-Off Meeting ~ The Oktoberfest committee will meet NEXT Sunday, September 8th at 9 AM in Room 5. Anyone who would like to attend and contribute to this meeting will be welcome!

All-Church Book Study~ October 6-November 16, Mt. Zion will be participating in an All-Church book study utilizing the book, "I Am a Church Member." We encourage everyone to sign up for a small group to engage in conversation—there are multiple day and evening meeting times available to meet your scheduling concerns. Or, if a small group simply won't work, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the book and read along

individually as together we revisit what it means to be in covenant as the church and what our membership means to us and to the world! For those who sign up for a group, books will be available beginning 9/29 (a \$10 donation will be accepted to offset the cost of the book). **Sign up sheets for small groups are available in the back narthex!**

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Emigsville Deli on Wed. September 11th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham. This book is obtainable at the Martin Library. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Outdoor Worship on September 22nd! On Sunday, September 22nd, our LATE (10:30 AM) service will be held at Rocky Ridge Park at the Chipmunk and Grey Squirrel Pavilions. Please note that nursery care WILL be provided that day at Rocky Ridge. Our EARLY (8 AM) service will still be at Mt. Zion and Sunday school classes will occur as normally scheduled at 9 AM in the classrooms. Directions and a reminder insert will be provided in the bulletin over the next few weeks!

Children's Music Program~ The children's choir and bell choir are set to begin their 2019-2020 program year on **Sunday, September 15th**. Generally, the children's music program will alternate monthly between the children's choir and the bell choir. The first bell choir practice will be at **9 AM on Sunday, September 15th** in the bell choir room, and they'll be practicing to play at the late service on Sunday, September 29th. Detailed schedules with practice and performance dates can be found in the side narthex and back narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Travis Pinci at 717-324-8511.

Clearances Renewal ~ Need assistance with your clearances to work with the children and youth of Mt. Zion? You can receive assistance here at church on **Sun, Sept. 15th** at 9 AM and 11:30 AM, and **Sun, Sept. 29th** at 11:30 AM in the back narthex/parlor and the office. If you have any questions about this process or need more information, please contact the church office at 717-755-6117 or office@mtzionucc.org.

Are you resuming group meetings or practices? Contact the church office! If you have schedules for your group, (i.e. bible study) please submit them to: office@mtzionucc.org as soon as they are available. In order to have your information printed in our weekly announcements, it needs to be received by 10 AM on the preceding Tuesday.

Sunday School ~ Please note that there will be NO Sunday school TODAY, Sunday, September 1st. Regular Sunday school will resume NEXT Sunday, September 8th for the 2019-2020 program year.

Worship Ministry Teams are being formed for the months of October/November and for the season of Advent. We need 4-5 individuals to serve on a team for October/November and a team of 4-5 individuals for Advent. A sign-up sheet can be found in the side narthex. Please indicate which team you would like to serve on (October/November or Advent). Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Children & Youth Ministry Medical/Photo Release Forms for 2019-2020 ~ New medical and photo release forms are here for the 2019-2020 program year. All children and youth who will be participating in our programming are asked to have a form on file. These forms help us to protect the children who participate in our programs, and to provide

the help they need in case of emergencies. Blank copies of the form can be found in the narthex, and completed forms can be turned in to the church office. Please contact Pastor Jeff with questions at pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org.

New Bible Sunday ~ It is the tradition of Mt. Zion to present all students entering 3rd grade, as well as all new confirmation students, with a bible to begin the new program year. TODAY, September 8th, we will present those bibles to students during the late service to continue supporting them on their spiritual growth journey throughout the year. Join us in praying, and celebrating, with our 3rd grade students as well as our new confirmands!

Ridgerunners ~ Ridgerunners will carpool to Lancaster THIS Wednesday September 4th for an Amish Luncheon. The cost is \$18.00 (pay to Nancy Kinard) plus a tip for the servers. We will meet at 11 AM at the church.

Men's Retreat with Penn Central Conference ~ We are excited to share that the Penn Central Conference is planning to have a conference wide men's retreat in January of 2020. The dates are set for January 17-19 and the tentative theme of the retreat is "Seasons of a Man's Life" - based on the widely known "seasons" passage from Ecclesiastes 3. If you are interested in participating in the upcoming retreat please add your name to the signup sheet in the side narthex, along with your email address and phone number. More details regarding registration and more will be coming this fall. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff at pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org!

Mt. Zion Women's Retreat~ The dates for the 2020 Women's Retreat have been announced: April 17-19! We hope that you will join us for a weekend of relaxation, relationship building, learning and laughter. The approximate cost of the retreat is \$150/person which includes all meals and lodging in motel-style rooms. If the cost is a financial hardship, there are scholarships available. We do not want cost to be a limiting factor. Please speak with Pastor Danielle. All are welcome! The deadline for sign ups is October 6th and a sign up sheet is in the side narthex!

Hospitality Table ~ The Hospitality Table Ministry needs your assistance. You can help in two ways: 1.) supply prepackaged or homemade goodies, and/or 2.) provide set up and clean up at the table. A sign up sheet is housed on the end of the Hospitality Table for you to volunteer your time or supplies. Thank you!

Church Council~ This is a friendly reminder that church council meetings are open to the congregation. Generally speaking, church council occurs the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 worship service. Their next meeting is Sunday, September 15th. This meeting will be held at 9 AM. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Considering joining Mt. Zion? Our next membership Sunday is scheduled for **September 22nd**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Danielle or Pastor Jeff.

Mt. Zion is Streaming! The 10:30 AM service is posted on the Mt. Zion website at: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with a live feed (during the service) & you can view past services for some of the last few Sundays. The streaming works on PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact office@mtzionucc.org.

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Summary of Giving and Expenses through June 31st, 2019	
Receipt Budget through June 30th, 2019	\$150,020.00
Actual Receipts through June 30th, 2019	\$130,074.50
We have fallen short our Receipts Budget by:	\$19,945.50
Expense Budget through June 30th, 2019	\$168,970.00
Actual Current Expenses through June 30th, 2019	\$157,623.53
We have fallen short of our Expense Budget by:	\$11,346.47

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
August 4, 2019	130 members +10 Guests	\$3,586.00	\$2,241.25	\$5,827.25	\$5,770.00
August 11, 2019	121 members +12 Guests	\$2,206.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,447.25	\$5,770.00
August 18, 2019	183 members + 20 guests	\$2,235.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,476.25	\$5,770.00
August 25, 2019	136 members +10 Guests	\$2,697.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,938.25	\$5,770.00

Special needs prayer chain - please call the church office at 755-6117.

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Hospitalized:

Recuperating: Carol Hartman, Judy Cornelius

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy & Bob Ensminger,
Barbara Krier & Lynwood Schleeter
8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Wagaman Family
10:30 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers
10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy
Sweeney
10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Barb & Jon Waltemyer; Tim Snyder
& Dave Strine
8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Morcos family
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy