

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
12 SOUTH SECOND STREET AT HIGH STREET
WOMELSDORF, PENNSYLVANIA



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
REV. MARY ETTA MEST

544 The Church's One Foundation

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1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

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she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

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from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

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with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.


Responsive Reading - from the Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Brian Wren

- One: This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
All: **time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**
- One: For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
All: **can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**
- One: Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
All: **our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**
- One: Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
All: **This is a day of new beginning; our God is making all things new.**

Call to Confession

- All: **God, receive our tears today. It is natural that we are sad. This building has been the home for many generations of our families. Help us, God, to remember the good times and the mission-giving and various projects. We believe that you are still alive in this congregation. May we stay tuned to your ever-speaking voice.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Mercy

- One: Let us listen, O people of God in Womelsdorf. Let us cry our tears, tell our stories and then listen to how we can be serving God in the coming days and then years. From 1 Corinthians 3:16: All of you surely know that you are God's temple and that his Spirit lives in you.

Invocation Song "Spirit of the Living God"

Iverson

Musical score for the song "Spirit of the Living God" by Iverson. The score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The chords are: F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C, F, F, Gm, D, Gm, F, B b, C, F, B b, F, G7, C, F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C7, F.

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Word

God speaks to us in Scripture, preaching and song.
(Contemporary English Version)

Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 66:1-2

From Psalm 46

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Musical score for a prayer. The score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace. A-men." The chords are: F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C, F, F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C7, F.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

One: Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

**Do not let us fall into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn "We Are the Church" (verses 1,4,5)
(Congregation sings refrain, Choir sings verses)

Sermon "Why Are We Celebrating?" Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Comments by George McLain, President

Time for Former Pastors to Share a Few Thoughts

Rev. Dr. Harry Serio

Rev. Len Knighton

Rev. Harry Keppley

Rev. William Pifer-Foote

Rev. Melissa Burkhart

Spouses of Former Pastors:

Mrs. Ruth Adam

Mrs. Marilyn Funk Kennedy

Announcements, Joys, Concerns

Invitation to the Offering

One: We bring our offerings to the Lord. There is a plate in the front and a plate in the back. If writing a check, please make it payable to Zion UCC. If sending a check, the address is P.O. Box 97, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. If on-line is your choice, the website is 1zion.org. Scroll down a little bit to find the "donate" button. We praise God for your offerings.

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

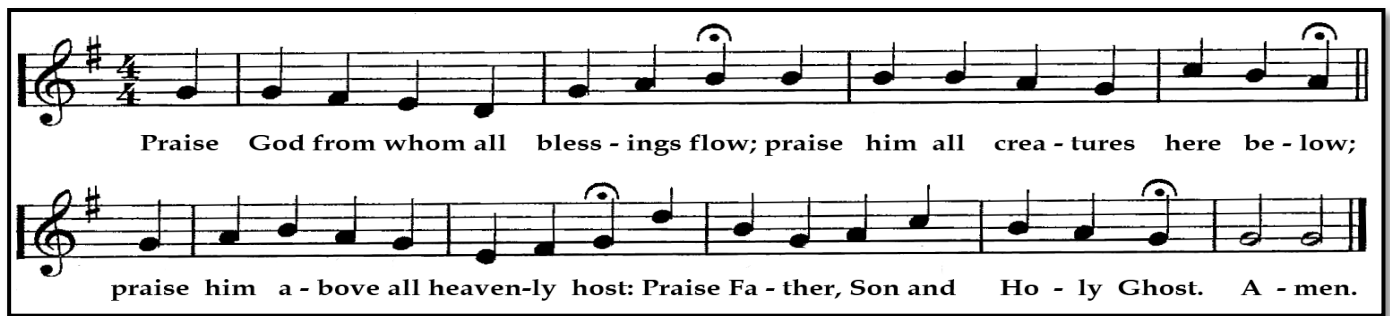
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
 3 Some - times the church is march - ing, some - times it's brave - ly burn - ing,
 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,
 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
 some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.
 there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be low;
praise him above all heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Dedication

One: Thank you, God, for blessing us with your love. We ask that you would bless these offerings so your love may flow into other people's lives by our witness. Amen.

Greetings from our Covenant Association by Rev. Dr. Harry Serio

Litany for Zion United Church of Christ Going Forward

led by Dr. Serio

Dr. Serio: Worshiping Congregation of Zion United Church of Christ in Womelsdorf, both members and friends, please confirm your thankfulness to God for these many years of worship and learning in this building.

Congregation: **We express our thanks to God for worship and learning which happened in this building.**

Dr. Serio: Were there fun times?

Congregation: **Yes, there were fun times and we still love and enjoy each other.**

Dr. Serio: Is the Holy Spirit still alive within each of you and within the congregation?

Congregation: **Yes, the Holy Spirit lives in us and among us.**

Dr. Serio: As you move into the world as a debt-free congregation, will you continue to serve God with all you heart, mind, strength, and soul?

Congregation: **We promise to do our best.**

Dr. Serio: Do you plan to gather people to accompany you in your journey?

Congregation: **May our joy overflow and our courage take wings!**

Unison Prayer

All: **O God of all creation, we give thanks for the calling to be your church and for the power you give us to fulfill our calling. We are a people with a past full of assurance and a future full of hope. In the name of Jesus, our shepherd and friend, we pray. Amen.**

Sending

Hymn "Revive Us Again" (verses 1,2,4)

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1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who
2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light, who has shown us our
3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our
4 Re - vive us a - gain: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be re -

$\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C *Refrain* F Bb F

died and is now gone a - bove.
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; Hal - le -
sins, and has cleansed ev - ery stain. kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

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lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; re - vive us a - gain.

WORDS: William P. Mackay (1839-1885)
MUSIC: John J. Husband (1760-1825)

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Remarks by Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Motz

Benediction

Choral Response Three-fold Amen

Moment of Reflection While Listening to the Chimes

You are welcome to stay in this space and chat with old friends

THE FLOWERS and BULLETINS are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my family, friends and many members of Zion UCC who have gone before us by Connie Keller. God bless one and all!

Participants in this morning's service:

Greeters: Rozanne & Charles Meredith
Lectors: Janice Conner & George McLain
Crucifer: Paul Sheidy
Acolyte: Wynn Herbine

Our Next Lord's Day, September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's and on Zoom

For your preparation

Texts: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

Attendance last week, as counted on Zoom & in Church	53
Current Expense Income	\$ 2,519.50
Benevolence Income	\$ 275.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 129.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,923.50

If you wish to contribute during this time, and you are worshipping with us on Zoom, the church address is as follows:
Zion UCC
P.O. Box 97
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

You are also welcome to use our on-line donate button at 1zion.org.

To date in 2021 we have collected \$2,238.00 for the Conrad Weiser Food Bank.

Bible Study Sessions will resume on September 14.

Zion UCC Women's Lunch Dates are September 9, and October 14,... 2nd Thursdays.

THE CELEBRATION

September 5, 10:00 a.m.

To Celebrate, with Thankfulness, the Payment of the Mortgage
To Pray For the New Congregation

To Ask God's Blessing and Revelation for Zion United Church of Christ
With Guests from the Covenant Association and the
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference

Some of Our Former Pastors
Guests from our Sister Church in Robesonia
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

**Please Feel Free to Wear Masks if You Wish
Social Distancing May Not Be Possible**

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Saint Paul's UCC Social Hall
301 West Penn Avenue (at Pearl Street)
Time—10:15 a.m. - Parking Lot in Rear
Enter One of the Side Doors on Pearl Street
We Will Be Doing Zoom (same numbers as we are currently using)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6 Kenneth Klink
Ricky Rentschler
8 Sharon Feick
11 Mildred Strickler



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5 Jim & Linda Morton 23 Years
6 Ricky & Yvonne Rentschler 46 Years



MISSION STATEMENT OF ZION UCC

Our Mission at Zion United Church of Christ is to worship our God, share God's word with all, use our talents to help our Church grow, provide a home for Spiritual growth and nurture and serve God within our Church family and community.

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