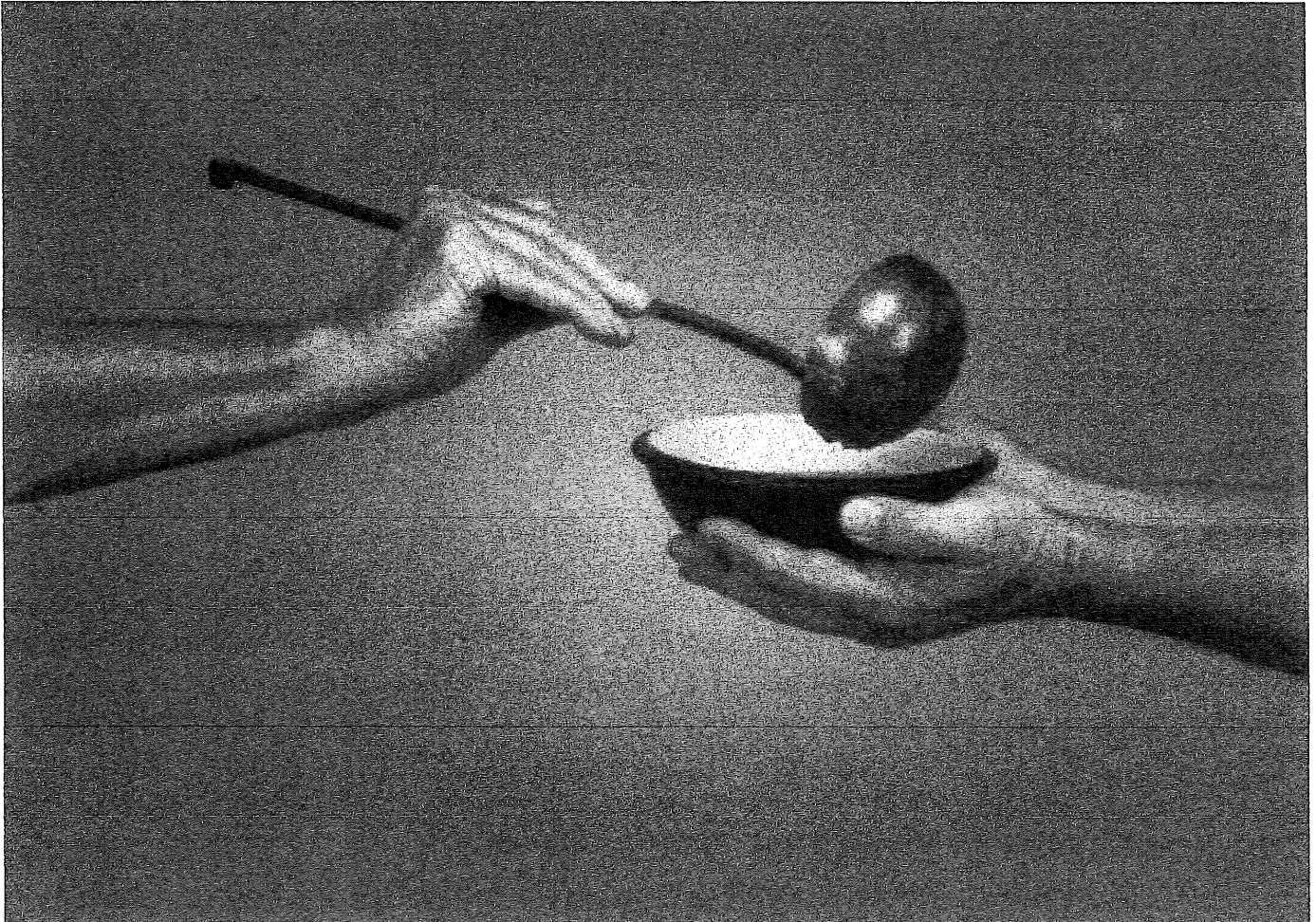


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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 2021

REV. MARY ETTA MEST

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

10:15 a.m. Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome

Meditation: When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Prelude

Acolyte Lights Candles

Cross-bearer Enters With Cross

Call to Worship

One: We are baptized and we worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: (Singing) **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "You Servants of God" (all verses)

Affirmation of Faith: New Century Hymnal #886-from a New Zealand Prayer Book

All: **You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you.**

You revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Opening Prayer

One: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

REIGN OF CHRIST

305 You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

Rev. 4:9-11; 5:11-14

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
 and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

Written at a time of anti-Methodist sentiment, this hymn was included in Charles Wesley's Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution. The tune is attributed to William Croft, composer at England's Chapel Royal and organist at Westminster Abbey.

Tune: HANOVER 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to William Croft, 1708

Mini-Message

Congregation Sings "Jesus Loves Me"

Responsive Reading - from Psalm 9

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,

All: **and the Most High your habitation, no evil will befall you,**

One: nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

All: **I will deliver those who cling to me;**

One: I will uphold them because they know my name.

All: **They will call me, and I will answer them;**

One: I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

All: **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Call to Confession

All: **O Savior of our souls, we hear "the first will be last and the last will be first" over and over in the New Testament. We hear that the perfect one died so we could be made perfect. It reminds us of reverse psychology which enables the achieved goal to happen in a seemingly backward way. Help us, Savior, to be sufficiently pliable to be moved to the last in line because we trust your promise that eventually we will have a front seat among many front seats. None of us shall be the leader. You are the leader!**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Christ, have mercy upon us.	
Lord, have mercy upon us.	

Assurance of Mercy

One: Dear friends, think of all the new friends we will make at the end of the line!

Invocation Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

Iverson

Musical score for "Spirit of the Living God" by Iverson. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: F Gm D Gm F Dm C F
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

Staff 2: F Gm D Gm F Bb C F
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Staff 3: Bb F G7 C
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Staff 4: F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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Word

God speaks to us in Scripture, preaching and song.

Hebrew Lesson

Isiah 53:4-12

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer Response

Musical score for the Prayer Response. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb). It consists of two staves of music with lyrics underneath.

Staff 1: Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;

Staff 2: hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

One: Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" (all verses)

Sermon "Giving Our All at the Back of the Line"

Invitation to the Offering

One: Giving our tithes and offerings is part of worship. Let us not withhold our thank offerings to you, O Gracious God.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove all heaven-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Offering Dedication

One: We praise you, O God, for your generosity and love toward us. Direct us to use these offerings to show our love. May we feel rich in love. Amen.

Announcements, Joys, Concerns

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. *Last time, end*

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

to Refrain

This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.

Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain
 Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
 Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

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Sending

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (all verses)

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

Text: John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
A. H. Mann, 1883

Benediction

One: As we serve God at the end of the line, may we find joyous fellowship and compassionate sharing. Help us to forget the front of the line. How surprised we will be when God moves us to the front where we can see the full glory of the Father and of our Lord and Savior. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Choral Response Three-fold Amen

Moment of Reflection While Listening to the Chimes

Participants in this morning's service:

Greeters: Sharon Boyer & Karen Schoener

Lector: Rick Rentschler

Cross-bearer: Paul Sheidy

Acolyte: Wynn Herbine

Attendance last week, as counted on Zoom & in Church	48
Current Expense Income	\$ 1,263.14
Benevolence Income	<u>\$ 170.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,433.14

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.

These announcements are entered through St. Paul's. Several apply to both congregations, so please read.

- The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Norman Unger by the Unger Family.
- Sunday school for adults and youth has resumed. Adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.
- This evening, October 17, everyone is invited to Duncan's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. This event initially was a Youth Group event, but it has been opened up to include church families, friends, and relatives. We will meet at the maze at 6:00pm. Our adventure will start while it is light, but will most likely end after dark. **Dress appropriately and bring a flashlight.** The cost is \$10/person, children 5 and under are free.

There are several other fun family activities in addition to the maze that are free or low cost: pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, climb the giant bales and giant slide, corn box, hay bale jungle gym, giant sling shot game, etc. Worried because the next day is school. Don't worry! We will start around 6:00pm, but how long you stay is up to you. This will be a **FUN** event! We hope that you will be able to join us!

- St. Paul's 21st Century Christian Women's Group will meet on Monday, October 18 at 7:00pm. All the church women are invited!
- The Weekly Morning Bible Study takes place every Tuesday morning at 9:00am. Zion UCC offers this Zoom Bible Study, which is based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249 For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

- The Evening Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, October 20 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. It will be a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the Zoom information found above (the same Zoom numbers as the Morning Bible Study).

Those who would like to participate in person should come to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. We will be using the book, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. *The book is not necessary for the study, but a Bible is. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader.*

To date in 2021 we have collected \$2,498.00 for the Conrad Weiser Food Bank.

Today we are worshipping with the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in their sanctuary.

Our Next Lord's Day, October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
10:15 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's and on Zoom
For your preparation
Texts: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 889 4662 4289
Passcode: 579687
Telephone Number: 1-301-715-8592

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

18 *Akira Palmer*

22 *Rozanne Meredith*





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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