



14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2020

Prelude

The Solid Rock, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship - Praise God! Sing to God a new song! Give thanks to our Maker. Rejoice in our sovereign God. Let us praise God with our whole lives. Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together! Let us worship!+

Gathering Prayer - As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Amen.+

Song 1

He Has Made Me Glad, 657, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Exodus 12:1-14

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. ⁴If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. ⁵Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. ⁷They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. ⁸That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. ¹⁰Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. ¹¹This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Meditation*Ready to Go***We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving****Offertory**

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely

give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.
Zion United Church of Christ
8916 E. Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46239

You can now submit your offerings on our website through a secure PayPal donation button. Please know that PayPal receives a 2.2% processing fee and a \$0.30 transaction charge. You are able to set up reoccurring, monthly payments. Check it out on our website at www.zionuccindy.net/donate.

***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;*

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;*

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Amen.

***We Give Thanks** – We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives. Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and commitment. Amen.

We Gather at the Table

Song 2

One Bread, One Body, 689, YouTube



Set Your Place at the Table—Communion was first celebrated in the homes of those in the early church. Friends and family would gather together to pray, singing songs, and break bread. We carry on that tradition today. Whatever you have on hand to celebrate communion will work just fine, because this ancient ritual is not about what we use for this meal or where we partake of it. Instead, it is about the act of remembrance. So gather around the table, prepare your place, and remember that Christ is in our midst.

Our Invitation— Jesus sets the table where we dine today. Jesus’ welcome extends to all of humanity. People of all ages, of all genders, of all cultures and cultures, of all economic conditions are welcome here. No one can earn a place at this meal. Come of your own choice. You need only desire a deeper relationship with the risen Christ. Bring your hopes and your history. Bring your deliberations and your doubts. Come as your whole self.+

The Words of Institution—On the night when Jesus was to be betrayed, he gathered with his friends in that upper room to celebrate the Passover meal, a meal of remembrance of the liberation of God’s people from slavery in Egypt, a journey that would lead them deep into the wilderness. After the meal was over, Jesus took the bread that was left, broke it, blessed it, and said, “Take and eat, this is my body broken for you.” In the same way, he took the cup, the fruit of the vine, and pouring it out he said, “This is the cup of the new covenant, my blood shed for you and the forgiveness of sins. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me.” Today, we remember Christ’s body broken for us and blood shed for us as bread is transformed into mercy and wine into compassion. As we prepare to receive this holy meal, let us ready our hearts by confessing our sins to God. Let us pray. +

Our Confession— Gracious God, too often we take you for granted. When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us, we are too complacent to hear your voice, and too timid to leave what is familiar. Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.+

Assurance of Grace—God grace is abundant, God’s love is never-ending. As children of God, receive forgiveness and blessing.+

Blessing Our Meal— Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might know your blessing and receive your grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of the table. May they nourish us as bread that never ends and as living water that always satisfies. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes again in final victory, and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.~

We Share the Bread and the Cup – As you eat the bread, remember, “This is the

body of Christ broken for you.” Take and eat. As you drink the cup, remember, “This is the blood of Christ shed for you and the forgiveness of sins.” Take and drink.

We Give Thanks— Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.+

Song 3

Now Let Us from This Table Rise, 715, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – Be ready to go when God calls. Bring with you what it is essential. Let the Spirit guide you as you answer God’s call. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.

Postlude

I Love You, Lord, Martha Main, YouTube