

4th Sunday After Pentecost June 20, 2021

Prelude

We are Called to Worship – United by Christ's loving embrace, God has gathered us to worship this day. A welcoming light in an unsure world, here we find refuge and rest. Called to serve and enrich, we are disciples of Christ, following in his ways and sharing his love. Zion, let us worship our great, wondrous God.

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.

Song 1

They'll Know We Are Christians

"We will work with each other; we will work side by side. We will work with each other; we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

We Hear God's Word UNITED BY CHRIST'S LOVING EMBRACE...

John 17:20-20 - 20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21**that they may all be one**. As you, Father, are in me and I amin you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 13:34-35 - 34I give you a new commandment, that **you love one another**. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

A WELCOMING LIGHT IN AN UNSURE WORLD...

Matthew 5:14-16 - 14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

WE SERVE AND ENRICH THE COMMUNITY...

Matthew 25:40b - "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 - 12 May the Lord cause you to **increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone** in the same way as we also love you. 13 May the love cause your hearts to be strengthened, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his people. Amen.

Meditation

We Are Called

Song 2

Renew Your Church

"Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore. Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand. 'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatred spread their blight, O send us forth with power endued, help us, Lord, be renewed."

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation – We are called to serve and rich the community God has gathered here and the community beyond. With joyful and generous hearts, we bring to God our offerings with thanksgiving.

June Benevolence – This June we ask that you consider supporting our wider church family with the Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) offering. Most of this offering stays right here in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to support the passionate and vibrant leadership of our conference staff and to support programing that strengthens our churches. The mission of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference is to "live in covenant, connecting and equipping local ministries to love and serve like Jesus."

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology

We Give Thanks – Generous God, you have blessed our community in so many ways, and we are so grateful that you have called us to be in ministry together. May the gifts we bring this day be a light for the community around us and a sign of our love. Bless these gifts that they might transform our lives and the world around us. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – United by Christ's loving embrace, we are called to be a welcoming light in an unsure world. Go forth this day to serve and enrich the world around you.

Postlude