



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

June 13, 2021

## **Prelude**

**We are Called to Worship** – Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind! Love your neighbor as yourself, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind! Do this and you will live! Let us worship 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**

*Morning Has Broken*

*“Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!”*

## **We Celebrate Our Graduates**

- ✚ Kristen Gephart, Fall 2020, Western Governor’s University, Bachelors in Business Management.
- ✚ Noah Marcum, Spring 2021, Perry Meridian High School.

*A Blessing for our Graduates*—God, we give you thanks that we can celebrate this milestone in the lives of our friends. Through this particularly challenging year, we give you thanks that your love and guidance was with these graduates each and every moment they sat down to study and learn. We offer our gratitude for the educators who nurtured these students. We celebrate the hard work that Kristen and Noah put in this year as they grew academically and personally on this journey. We praise you for the wisdom that you grant us. Bless these graduates in all that they do going forward. Thank you, God, for these graduates. Amen.

## **We Hear God's Word**

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' 28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' 37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## **Meditation**

*Who Is My Neighbor?*

## **Song 2**

*Called as Partners In Christ's Service*

*"Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from*

*God unfold.”*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation** – As a redeemed people, we live for giving thanks! We understand that everything we do and everything we have, comes from God, whose unconditional love lift us up each day. Let us continue our thanksgiving, with grateful hearts, by giving of what God has provided.=

**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](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate)

**Riley Crayon Drop Blessing** – Today we want to especially lift up the gifts that have been given for our Riley Crayon Drop. Our church family here at Zion and the wider community—our neighbors, near and far—came together to make a difference in the lives of Riley Kids. We feel such deep gratitude for the generosity of all those who came together to support this project—those who brought in crayons, those who offered financial resource, those who made our individual crayon packets, those who planned and coordinated this project. Each and every one of you made a difference. Today we celebrate that God called us to serve our neighbors and to put our love of neighbor into action.

We are excited to announce that we collected over 18,000 crayons!!! Last year we collected 6,120. We nearly tripled our efforts this year. That means approximately 4,500 patients at Riley Hospital for Children will have a little more joy and fun in their lives as they go through some hard and scary things.

## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks** – God, you have called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We give you thanks that you have called us to your ministry, to do what we can to love and serve those around us. We pray that you pour out your blessings on the gifts we bring before you this day—gifts of time, talent, and resources. We especially lift up to you all of these crayons headed to Riley Hospital for Children. We give our gratitude for all who made this project possible. Thank you, God, for the generosity of our church family and our wider community. May these tiny packages of crayons be a bright and beautiful blessing to all who receive. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Amen.

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** – Go forth this day to love the Lord your God with all soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Go forth this day to serve and enrich God’s beloved. Amen.

## **Postlude**