



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Kinship in Christ

August 15, 2021

Prelude

This Our Song of Praise

We are Called to Worship – Come, seekers of wisdom and truth, God’s wisdom has called us here. Come, lovers of Christ’s teachings and guidance, Christ’s love has called us here. Come, singers of thanksgiving and praise, the Spirit’s presence has gathered us here!~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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

A Time of Prayer—God of wisdom and truth, we give you thanks that you have brought us together as one body in Christ, no longer strangers to one another but one family. We gather this day to grow in our wisdom, to lift up our hearts in praise, and to offer humbly our thanks...

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

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand

what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Meditation

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We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation – We come before God this day to say, “Wow, look at what you have done.” With hearts of gratitude we bring to God our gifts of thanksgiving at what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. We entrust out resources, our time, and our talent to the Creator of all, knowing that God can do far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

August Benevolence – “...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” This month we are once again supporting God’s Bounty Food Pantry. God’s Bounty works with our neighbors who are facing food insecurity, providing them with staples they need to feed their families. God’s Bounty is a joint ministry of the Franklin Township Ministerial Association.

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

Doxology

We Give Thanks – God, help us to give you thanks at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have done wondrous things for us. Today, let these offerings be signs of our gratitude, as we say thank you. Offer to us wisdom in discerning how to use these gifts ignite our ministry as we seek to serve and enrich our community. Amen.

Hymn

There Is a Redeemer, 117

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – Sisters and brothers in Christ, go forth this day to seek God’s wisdom, to bring your worship, and to take time to pause and say, “Wow, God, look what you have done,” giving thanks in all things. Take the

light of Christ with you that other's, too, might know of Christ's transforming love. Go forth this day to serve and enrich the world around you. Amen.

Postlude

Recessional in B Flat