



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Kinship in Christ

August 22, 2021

Prelude

Pastorale

We are Called to Worship – The Spirit of God has led us here to clothe ourselves with truth and righteousness and peace. Here as one body we find faith and salvation in Jesus Christ. In listening to the word of God proclaimed we are strengthened to boldly proclaim the Good News. Let us worship.

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, we come to you this day, bringing our who selves to you in prayer, knowing that you hear what is on our hearts before we even form the words. In drawing near to you, we pray that you strengthen our spirits so that we might be ready to share your light with the world, so that we might be peacemakers and justice-seekers...

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 6:10-24 (NRSV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

21 So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. ²²I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts.

23 Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Meditation

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We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation – With grateful hearts we bring our gifts to God, knowing that God can do far more with them than we could ever ask or imagine. Let us give back to God a portion of the blessing that we have received that together, through this joint ministry to which we have been called, we might share Christ's love.

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, thank you for calling us to be together as one body in Christ to do your work in this world. Work through these gifts that our ministry might be a source of light and hope in the world. Amen.

Hymn

There Is a Redeemer, 117

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – Friends, peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Creator and the Savior Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Go forth this day to serve and enrich the world around you. Amen.

Postlude

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