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## **Prelude**

### **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.*

**We are Called to Worship** – This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Come, let us worship together. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, and bless God's name. God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Prayer of Invocation** – God of all wisdom and grace, high and lifted up yet ever hearing your people when they turn to you in prayer, hear now your people met before you in his holy place. Strengthen the weak and humble the strong. Guide the lost, bind up the wounded, and grant that going forth at the end of our worship, we may go as faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

*Psalm 84:1-4*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

*Psalm 122:1*

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord.

*1 Corinthians 3:10-11*

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid the foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

**Morning Prayer** – O God of all wisdom and grace, high and lifted up yet ever hearing your people when they turn to you in prayer, hear now your people met before you in this holy place of worship. Strengthen the weak and humble the strong. We remember those who have special needs and concerns. Come now in strength, O God, for those who carry heavy burdens and pain. Guide the lost, blind up the wounded, and grant us that going forth at the end of our worship, we may go forth as faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let us thank God for the bright things that still shine through the darkness; for the steadiness with which the seasons advance and the days proceed. We pray for ourselves, that our faith may be undimmed by the storm that rage so frequently around us. Daily we hear of hatred and violence, greed and lust. We know that humankind was made for better. Bring healing and comfort to all your people.

We pray for the mission of Christ in the world and around about us, that God's kingdom may come to God's will be done. We pray for the work that Zion is doing in this community to reach to those who have special needs and concerns. All this we pray in the name of Jesus our risen Savior and Lord who taught us when praying to say....

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.

**Hymn**

*Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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

**Invitation**—God has provided for us in so many ways. Let us give thanks to God for all that God does. Let us stop and notice all that God has done. Let us return to God, with thanksgiving, a portion of what we have received, so that together we can do God's work.

**October Benevolence**— Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2021, NIN "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiative, advocacy efforts and direct service projects in their community.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at [www.zionuccindy.net/donate](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate)

**Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— Receive, O Lord, these offerings of your people. Remember in your love those who give them and those for whom they have been given, and by your Holy Spirit embody them with your power for your purpose and glory. Amen

**Hymn**

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**Benediction**— May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all till we meet again. Go in Peace. Amen.

**Postlude**