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*The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
November 14, 2021

## **Prelude**

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

**We are Called to Worship** – Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus. We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith. Come with joyful expectation. We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise. Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit that we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.+

## **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**— In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world. We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. While the journey towards true peace that lies ahead is long, our incremental steps continue to take us closer to that promised day. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will will be done on earth as it is in heaven...+

**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**

*Hebrews 10:19-25 (NRSV)*

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **Meditation**

*Better Together*

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

**Invitation**— Our offering is a faith statement. By offering our treasure to God, we believe that what we do here in this church does make a difference in this world and that by this offering we will hasten the day when [God's justice and peace come in their fullness.]+

**November Benevolence**— Our Church's Wider Mission is the main offering that goes to support the ministry of the United Church of Christ, both at our local conference level and for the whole denomination. Your generous gifts to this ministry enable to the UCC to love and serve like Jesus (Indiana-Kentucky Conference Mission) and to create a just world for all (UCC Vision).

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**— We return a portion of what we have received from you, O God, in gratitude for all that you have bestowed upon us. Bless this offering. Grant that it may continue to sustain and support the ministries of this church to bring the light of Christ into this community and the world beyond. Amen.+

## Hymn

*For the Healing of the Nations, #621*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing**— What endures is not the edifices we build, but the work of God that we accomplish through our ministries in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's instruments of justice rooted in love to further the work of Jesus and to move us closer to God's reign of peace.+

## Postlude

*Thanks Be to God*

+ UCC Worship Ways. The New and Living Way of Christ: Service Prayer for the 25th Sunday after the Pentecost were written by the Rev. Quentin Chin, member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.