



Serve & Enrich
**Zion United Church
of Christ**

**31 DAYS OF PRAYER
FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
OCTOBER 2025**

Our Mission: United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Our Vision: Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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Sunday, October 12, 2025

Prelude

Gathering (Psalm 66:1-5a, NRSVUE)—Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” Come and see what God has done.

***Gathering Song**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, 113

Prayer—Holy One, we gather to sing your praises! We are grateful for the gift of this day and all the ways you make your presence known. We are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls and heal us. After we have spent time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet.~

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.**

Choir

Exploring Together

UCC Access Sunday

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Reflection

Hymn

Glorify Thy Name, 146

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—God has done amazing things in our lives! Now is the time to offer our gratitude for all the blessings we have received. With thanks and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.~

October Benevolence—Neighbors in Need & OCWM

Ministry Moment

Council, Michelle Van Dyke

*Doxology

We Give Thanks—Gracious God, we come to say thank you for all the ways you bring forth life and health and renewal. Bless these gifts, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community. Amen.~

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living, 22

Benediction—Beloved, may we leave this place transformed by the example of Jesus’ ministry among those whom the world had written off. May we be emboldened to welcome those who’ve been shut out. Empowered, to be in community with those who are often overlooked and even forgotten. May we live and move, in and with deep gratitude for the invitation and opportunity to partner with God in loving others.=

Postlude

~Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 230). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. =United Church of Christ Disability Ministry 2025 *Access Sunday Liturgy*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- Sunday, 9 am – Choir Practice
- Sunday, 3 pm – Pet Memorial
- Monday, 6 pm – Fundraising Team (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Council (Zoom)
- Thursday, 11 am – Golden Friends meet at Pleasant View Orchard
- Saturday, 9:30 am – Mark Lynch Ecclesiastical Council
- Sunday, October 19, after worship – Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COUNCIL**—Our next Congregational Meeting is scheduled for October 19 after worship. At this meeting we will have elections for three council positions for the 2026/2027 term. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve in this way. See a council member with any questions you may have. The proposed budget and other meeting items are available to pick up in the sanctuary.

SERVE

- **SERVICE TEAM: CLOTHING FOR HORIZON HOUSE**—As you are gathering together your winter gear, please consider donating gently used coats and hoodies (men's and women's) for our unhoused neighbors. We will be collecting these items at the church from October 12 through October 26 and delivering them to Horizon House thereafter. We also had some money left over from our snack pack project that we will use to purchase underwear to donate in addition to the coats and hoodies.
- **BLOOD DRIVE**—Thank you to everyone who helped with our blood drive this week! We are grateful to our donors, volunteers, and the Red Cross staff for making this possible. Together we are saving lives every time we open our doors for these drives.
- **OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE**—For over 25 years, donations to Neighbors in Need have supported justice and compassion work through direct service and advocacy. Today, your donation continues to fund grants, the Council for American Indian Ministries, and justice ministries at the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Donations to Our Church's Wider Mission helps our Indiana-Kentucky

Conference to continue providing services, care, and leadership to local churches, including us here at Zion. They also help support the work of our denomination.

ENRICH

- **PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**—We hope you'll continue to join us for our 31 Days of Prayer for Our Neighbors. We are focusing on the areas of hunger, health, housing, and other humanitarian concerns. We hope it is a transforming practice as you draw nearer to God and neighbor.
- **PET MEMORIAL**—Whether you've lost a pet recently or it has been years since you've said goodbye, our pets hold a special place in our hearts. Join us on Sunday, October 12 at 3 pm as we remember and honor the love and joy our pets have brought to our lives. You're invited to bring pictures to place on our memorial table of the pets you'd like to remember. Please invite others you know who are grieving their pets to find comfort in our community.
- **MINISTRY MOMENT**—Sign up today to share a Ministry Moment with us in worship. This is a chance for you to tell the story of how God is at work through Zion and through the lives of our members.
- **3rd SUNDAY LUNCH**—Because of the Congregational Meeting on October 19, we will take a break from our 3rd Sunday Lunch this month. Join us in November as we head to The Depot!
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS**—"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" – Anne of Green Gables. Celebrate the beauty of this season with the Golden Friends at the Pleasant View Orchard (10721 N. 850 W., Fairland, IN) on Thursday, October 16. We'll meet there at 11 am. Simple lunch items are available. Be sure to check out the Country Store for some goodies to take home. Let Pastor Sarah know if you plan to attend.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adult Group is gearing up for a very enriching fall. They will meet outside of the Irvington Starbucks at 10 am on Saturday, October 25, for the Irvington Halloween Festival. Text Pastor Sarah if you plan to be there. The following weekend on November 1 at 10 am they will have a service day at Zion and will begin a book study on *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brene Brown on November 3.