



ORDINARY TIME



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

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.

Pastor: Sarah Frische-Mouri Hannigan

Organist: Martha Main

Bell Choir Director: Vivian Thomas

Office Manager: Michael Law

Custodians: Anita and Greg Law

Scripture Reader: Greg Miller

Tech Steward: Michael Law



8916 East Troy Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46239
(317) 862-4136
zionsecretary@sbcglobal.net
www.zionuccindy.net

June 28, 2026 – Freeing Jesus Series: Jesus as Teacher

Prelude

Gathering—Disciples of Christ, students of the Living One, gather this day to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Don't just listen to his teachings but live his teachings. In our worship this day, may we open not only our minds but also our hearts to Jesus, the great Teacher, Rabbi, Storyteller, and Sage.

*Hymn

Borning Cry, 680

Prayer—Teacher, Rabbi, Storyteller, Sage, you come bearing good news of God's beautiful, diverse, upside-down, inclusive kin-dom. Rather than merely hearing and affirming your message, may we be transformed by it and empowered to live boldly as your disciples.~

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.**

Baptism

Welcome

Marjorie Limbach and Scott Mosley

Statement of Faith *(in hymnal cover)*

The Questions and Promises

Congregational Support

One: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support, and care.

The Baptismal Prayer

The Ritual of Baptism

A Prayer for the Baptized

Exploring Together

What are the characteristics of a good teacher?

Scripture

John 13:13-15 (NRSVUE)

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Matthew 5:1-2 (NRSVUE)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying...

Mark 4:1-3 (NRSVUE)

Again [Jesus] began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

Reflection

Jesus as Teacher

- As a great storyteller, Jesus often taught in parables. What's a parable that has touched your life?
- What is one of the most important things you have learned from Jesus?

Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, 88 (2x)

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Jesus taught us what it is to be generous, to love, and to serve. He practiced what he preached. Let us put into action all that Jesus taught as we generously bring our gifts to God for the transformation of the world.

June Benevolence

Habitat for Humanity

***Doxology**

We Give Thanks—God, in Jesus you reveal to us that another way is possible if we listen and we learn. Inspire us to use the gifts we bring to this ministry so we can put into practice all that Jesus taught. Grant us wisdom to use our gifts to serve as Jesus served. Bless these gifts and this church as we learn and grow together. Amen.

Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians, 595

Benediction—As you go forth this week to follow in the ways of Jesus, know that you go forth, not alone, but with Jesus, your teacher, ready to guide your way. Go forth to serve and enrich with the love of Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

*If you are comfortably able and so called, you're invited to stand. ~Cathedral of Hope *Freeing Jesus* Study Guide by Dr. Greg Smith, sowhatfaith.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- **Sunday, after worship** – June Congregational Meeting
- **Monday, 2 pm** – Service Team (Zion Room)
- **Tuesday, 6 pm** – Care Team (Zoom)
- **Wednesday, 11 am** – Concert Planning Meeting (Community Center)
- **Sunday, July 5, after worship** – 1st Sunday Fellowship

SERVE

- **JUNE BENEVOLENCE: Habitat for Humanity**—The Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity provides access to education, house construction, and mortgages for low-to-moderate income buyers to purchase a home in Marion, Hamilton, Hendricks, Hancock and Shelby Counties. In 2024, 32 homes were built, 48 homes repairs completed, and 19 mortgages paid off. Seeking to put God's love in action, Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live!

- **BLOOD DRIVE**—Save the date for our next Red Cross Blood Drive, scheduled for July 23 from 12-6 pm. Registration is now open for donors. Help us spread the word as we join this community partner to help save lives.
- **PARTNERS IN JAPAN**—This past Christmas we were partnered with two churches in Japan so that we could send them Christmas cards and hold one another in prayer. We received a lovely letter from one of those churches—Shinjo United Church of Christ in Japan, located in Shinjo City. The letter is posted in the back of the sanctuary. Please take time to read it, and continue to hold our friends in your prayers.

ENRICH

- **SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES**—Join us June 21-July 26 for a special worship series this summer. The Faith Formation Team and Worship Team have decided to merge our Summer Book Study and Worship Series into one. Worship will be a bit more conversation this summer as we explore themes from *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. You do not need to read the book to be part of this worship series or our conversations.
- **1st SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**—The Care Team invites you to join us after worship next Sunday for fellowship and treats. In addition to donuts, a healthier option will be provided. Catch up with your friends, meet some new folks, and enjoy some time in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BAPTISM SUNDAY**—We are so excited to celebrate the baptisms of Marge Limbach and her grandson, Scott Mosley, in worship this Sunday. We hope you can join us for this special celebration as the whole church offers their love and support.
- **JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—Please join us after worship this Sunday for our Congregational Meeting. Updates will be shared related to our finances and Strategic Plan. A report is now available for you to pick up in the back of the sanctuary that shares a summary of our Strategic Plan Retreat. Council hopes that everyone can stay for these important conversations.
- **SUMMER SLOW DOWN**—Our council and ministry teams are working at keeping our July calendar as light as possible. We've been busy at Zion, and our volunteers deserve a little break.