



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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August 30, 2026 – Be the Light

Prelude

Gathering—In the beginning God brought forth light out of the darkness. This light has shown throughout the centuries in the lives of prophets and teachers, young and old, and in the life of Christ. This light still shines today in you. Let your light shine!~

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision, 502

Prayer—Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day. For this we are grateful! As we worship today, may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom. May our eyes be opened to places that need healing. May our hands be opened to do your good work. May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us.~ We lift up this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

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.

Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSVUE)

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Reflection

Be the Light, Greg Miller

Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See, 480

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—We are told that giving freely to help others glorifies God. Let us bring our gifts to God, so that God’s love may be made known.~

August Benevolence

Our Church’s Wider Mission

***Doxology** (On screen. Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you.)

We Give Thanks—Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us. May these gifts help heal and restore our community, so that all will flourish like a well-watered garden. Amen.~

Hymn

Amazing Grace, 422

Benediction—Go now with this truth: you are blessed. You are loved, held, and called by God. May the love you have received become the love you share. May God’s grace flow through you into the lives of others. May your words bring encouragement, your actions bring kindness, and your presence bring hope. Go into the world as a blessing—joining God in the healing, restoration, and renewal of all creation. Amen.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- **Wednesday, 3:15 pm** – Faith Formation Team
- **Sunday, September 6, after worship** – 1st Sunday Fellowship

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- **BE A BLESSING MAGNETS**—If you love our new banner, you could have your very own magnet version to put on your car or hang on our fridge. Share the Good News far and wide with a “Be a Blessing” or “Be the Church” magnet. An order form is available on the side table of the sanctuary. Magnets are \$5 each. Order by Sunday, September 6.
- **ON CALL**—Pastor Sarah will be on vacation August 28-31. Pastor Dennis and Linda Frische-Mouri will be on call for any pastoral care emergencies. Thank you to Greg Miller for preaching on August 30 and for council members for helping lead the rest of our service.
- **OPEN AND AFFIRMING TASK FORCE**—The ONA Task Force is at work as we consider what it would look like at Zion to fully welcome and embrace all, including LGBTQIA+ folks. We will have our first church-wide conversation on **Sunday, September 27, after worship**. At this gathering, we will lay the groundwork for the spirit of this process as we practice graceful engagement; we will consider hospitality and welcome in the scriptures; we will share in small groups about our own experiences; and we will gather at the table in fellowship for homemade pizza and cookies. We hope you will join us for this important conversation. *What does it mean to be ONA?* After a time of study, dialogue and prayer, churches adopt an Open and Affirming “covenant” committing their members to welcome LGBTQ+ seekers, support their relationships, and advocate for their basic rights. All sacraments and rites of an ONA congregation are available to LGBTQ+ people, including baptism, confirmation, communion, and marriage. ONA churches take seriously the Bible’s admonition to “accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” (Romans 15:7, NIV) Join us as we discern if this is God’s call for us at Zion UCC.

SERVE

- **FLOOD RESPONSE**— Church, you're invited to help with flood relief happening in our community. Items that are especially needed include laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. Old and new towels are also being collected for cleanup. Our Service Team has now made two deliveries, with donations now being collected at Glendale Christian Church. We are extending our collection through Sunday, September 6, and will continue to check in with the donation center about need. A full list of items is in the back of the sanctuary or on our Facebook page.
- **AUGUST BENEVOLENCE: Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM)**—Your generosity to OCWM fuels the collective ministries of the United Church of Christ (UCC) locally, nationally, and globally. When you give to OCWM, your contributions

directly impact lives and strengthen communities through the Indiana-Kentucky Conference (IKC) and UCC by providing resources, training, and worship materials. Your generosity funds disaster relief, addresses health and education disparities, and advocates for social justice. Thank you for your faithful support!

- **POPTABS**—Jerry and Jackie Keller will be delivering poptabs to the Ronald McDonald House in September. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting tabs! Please bring them to worship with you by the end of August.
- **COUNCIL**—This upcoming year, we will have 3 spots opening up on council. The positions will be: Vice President, Treasurer, and Buildings and Grounds. We need you to brainstorm who you think would best fit these roles from our congregation. Bring your nominations to council so we can have another successful year of running our church and making it an amazing place to worship and learn about our faith.

ENRICH

- **1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**—Join us after worship on Sunday, September 6 for some tasty treats and a chance to connect with your Zion friends.
- **CHOIR**—It's almost time for choir season! If you're interested in being part of our vocal choir, please reach out to Martha Main, and if you're interested in the bell choir, please reach out to Vivian Thomas. The vocal choir meeting September 13 at 9 am for their first practice and the bell choir on September 27 at 9 am.
- **BE A BLESSING WORSHIP SERIES**—Our August worship will focus on what it means to be a blessing, inspired by the new banner outside our sanctuary. Following the lectionary readings, we will consider the call we have been given to help make this world and our society more like the Kin-dom of God. Invite your friends and family to be blessed in our worship and ministry.
- **BLUEGRASS AND GOSPEL CONCERT**—We are excited to welcome the Elkins Jamily to Zion! They are a father-daughter duo from Brown County and relatives of Becky Osher. They will offer a free concert on Saturday, September 12, from 12-2 pm in our shelter. Please RSVP to our Facebook Event and share it with your friends to help start spreading the word.