



A Changemaker is a risk-taker,
someone who puts their faith
into action to make a positive
difference in the lives of others.
Jesus was a Changemaker. The
Good News is...so are we.



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.

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October 11, 2026 – Changemakers: Compassion

Prelude

Gathering

The Call to Fly with “Fly” sung by Kaylee Gephart-Kile

Centering Words...

In my dreams I can fly
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If there's no hope
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Responsive Gathering

One: The world is changing. We see it everywhere. We feel it in our bones. It seems to happen so much faster now than it used to.

Many: The world is changing.

One: And also, the world needs to change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid. There are people on the streets who won't make it a day longer.

Many: The world needs to change.

One: It is God's desire that the world would change and become more like a holy commonwealth of just peace in which all have what they need.

Many: And we are the changemakers.

One: We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit. We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

Many: May we be changed by this time of worship!

*Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies, 111

Prayer—Holy God, open our eyes and our hearts to the world around us. Help us to see one another with the compassion of Jesus, especially those whose pain or need we might otherwise overlook. Remind us that we are not powerless in the face of what needs to change, but that your love moves us to respond. Shape us through this time of worship, and make us ready to be your changemakers in the world.

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

This Is Love

Exploring Together: *October Kindness Challenge – Where did you see kindness?*

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

²⁷ He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*"

²⁸ Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

³⁷ Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Reflection

Changemakers: Compassion

Hymn

Community of Christ, 615

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—As we give today, may we remember that our offerings are more than gifts we place in a basket—they are part of what God can bring to life through this community. Let us give with compassion, trusting that even what seems small can become part of something greater.

October Benevolence

Neighbors in Need + OCWM

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

We Give Thanks—Gracious God, receive these gifts and all that they represent: our resources, our hopes, and the places where our hearts have been moved by the needs of the world. Bless what we offer, and use it to bring compassion, justice, and healing to our community and beyond. And continue to open our hearts, that our generosity might lead us not only to give, but to become the changemakers you call us to be.

Amen.

Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets, 24

A Blessing for the Changemakers

Sending Forth

Postlude

*If you are comfortably able and so called, you're invited to stand. `A Global Table of Grace,
globalministries.org ~UCC Book of Worship.

WORSHIP NOTES

- **PRAYGROUND**—At Zion we believe that God invites us to intergenerational worship where all are welcome just as they are. Our Playground is located at the front of our sanctuary where little ones can get a clear view of what is going on in worship. This is sacred space for young worshippers and their families. At the Playground, you will find quite toys, activity sheets, books, and more to help aid in age-appropriate worship. Activity bags are also available in the back of the sanctuary to take with to other parts of the sanctuary where you may want to worship.
- **OFFERING**—The generous support of our congregation allows us to live the mission God has given to us to serve and enrich our community. Visitors are not expected to make financial donations unless you feel so called. Regular offering envelopes and benevolence offering envelopes are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You're invited to place your offerings in the basket in the back. You can donate online through PayPal at www.zionuccindy.net/donate. Additionally, you can mail your offering into the church office.
- **PLEASE BE COMFORTABLE**—Bottled waters are available on the tables in our entryway. Restrooms are through the door at the front right side of the sanctuary. You're welcome to get up and move during worship and are invited to bring fidgets and other activities that will help you engage in our time together.
- **CONNECT WITH ZION BEYOND WORSHIP**—Through our email list, we share weekly announcements and prayers each Saturday morning, along with our monthly newsletter. You can subscribe to our email list either by using the QR code or by going to our website at <https://www.zionuccindy.net/contact/>.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- **Sunday, after worship** – Cub Scout Popcorn Sale (Sanctuary)
- **Sunday, 11:30 pm** – Young Adult Pizza and Games (Fellowship Hall)
- **Monday, 4 pm** – Beyond Imagination Listening Session for IKC (Zoom)

- **Wednesday, 5:30 pm** – Worship Team (Zoom)
- **Thursday, 11 am** – Golden Friends meet at Pleasant View Orchard
- **Sunday, October 18** – Horizon House Collection Begins
- **Sunday, October 18, after worship** – Congregational Meeting

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- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—At our congregational meeting, on October 18 after worship, we will receive our budget and narrative budget and vote on council nominees. A meeting packet is now available for you to pick up in the sanctuary. 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. Bring your nominations to council to ensure another great year.
- **BE A BLESSING MAGNETS**—Some of our “Be a Blessing” magnets have arrived. We ordered so many that some are on back order. If you ordered magnets, please feel free to go ahead and pick them. We do ask that you mark off on the order sheet once you have paid. You can place cash or checks in envelopes and put them in the offering basket. Please mark that the payment is for “Magnets.”

SERVE

- **5th ANNUAL STEVE THOMAS MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE**—Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and Red Cross staff for another great blood drive! Save the date for Thursday, February 24, from 12-6 pm, for our next blood drive.
- **SUPPORT OUR PACK**—Our Cub Scout Pack has grown tremendously! There are now 34 kids in the Pack, with more set to join. The Pack does an amazing job helping young people in our community grow in character, confidence, leadership, and service. Help support this work through the Pack Popcorn Fundraiser. Members of the Pack will be in the sanctuary after worship this Sunday to sell popcorn. Pick up a tasty treat, support a good cause, and get to know our Pack members.
- **CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HORIZON HOUSE**—We are supporting our friends at Horizon House to provide warm winter clothing and other high-priority needs for our unhoused neighbors. Bring your donations with you to worship and help us fill our chancel on October 18 and 25. Gently used or new items needed include: hats; gloves; hoodies; coats; NEW socks; men’s jeans in waist sizes 32, 34, 36, & 48; NEW men’s underwear in sizes M-XXL; NEW women’s underwear in sizes S-XL.
- **OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE: Neighbors in Need + OCWM**—Neighbors in Need is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports justice and compassion ministries across the United States. This year’s theme, inspired by Ephesians 5:1-2, reminds us that our past does not dictate our future. When we unite

for advocacy and justice, we show the world that real change is possible. Thank you for your generosity as we help build a just world for all! Donations to Our Church's Wider Mission helps our Indiana-Kentucky Conference and our national United Church of Christ to continue providing services, care, and leadership locally, nationally, and globally.

ENRICH

- **TWO MINUTE TUESDAY**—Join Pastor Sarah for a short video on ways to engage your faith during the week each Tuesday at 11 am. The video is posted on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Find links for each of our social media accounts through our website at www.zionuccindy.net. Make sure to follow and subscribe on each platform.
- **KINDNESS CHALLENGE WITH FAITH FORMATION**—Each fall the Faith Formation Team presents an opportunity for us to grow in our faith through daily engagement of spiritual practices. This year we are sharing with you the October Kindness Calendar from the non-profit Random Acts of Kindness. Our world desperately needs more kindness. Let's join together in creating a kinder world. Calendars will be available to pick up next Sunday and will be available to download in the weekly email.
- **COVENANT TOUR**—Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our Covenant Tour with Rev. Chad Abbott, our Conference Minister. We are grateful for your participation and for Chad sharing with us in worship.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adults are gathering for games and pizza from the Ordinary in the Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday. Bring a board game and a drink. On Saturday, October 31, we are heading to the Irvington Halloween Festival. RSVP to Pastor Sarah. We'll meet at the IRV Starbucks at 10 am and will finish up at 12 pm.
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS**—The Golden Friends are headed to Pleasant View Orchard (10721 N 850 W, Fairland, IN 46126) for their gathering on October 15. Enjoy a fun afternoon picking apples, shopping at the country store, or enjoying a bite to eat. This group is open to people of all ages. Feel free to bring family, friends, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone looking for community. We will meet at the orchard at 11 am. Head out whenever you need to. We meet every 3rd Thursday.