



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 18, 2026 – Changemakers: Collaboration

Prelude

Gathering

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

Centering Words...

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Responsive Gathering

One: The world needs to change, and that can make us want to go to our room and hide. Because there is so much that needs to be done.

Many: Pain needs to be acknowledged.

One: Reparations must be made. Justice must be done. That feels like a lot. And so, we must remember that we are not called to be changemakers on our own.

Many: We are called together.

One: We are called in community, and we are called alongside people of faith and goodwill around the world. The world needs to change, but we will not change it alone.

Many: We are called together, and vested with the power of the Holy Spirit.

One: We are called to follow the way of Jesus. We are the changemakers, and we are getting ready!

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

*Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit, 134 (2x)

Prayer—God of relationship and community, gather us together in your presence.

Remind us that we were never meant to do this work alone, and that your Spirit is at work through the gifts, wisdom, and courage we find in one another. Give us open hearts to listen, humility to trust, and courage to join with others for the sake of a more loving and just world. Make us ready to discover what we can do 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.**

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

Scripture

Luke 10:1-11 (CEB)

10 After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. ³ Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. ⁵ Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' ⁶ If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. ⁷ Remain in this house, eating and drinking

whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house.⁸ Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you.⁹ Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'¹⁰ Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say,¹¹ 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

Reflection

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Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians, 595

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Jesus gathered people around him and sent them out together, trusting that what they could do as a community was greater than what any one person could do alone. As we offer our gifts today, let us give not only for the work of this church, but in a spirit of partnership, trusting that our gifts can join with the gifts of others to make change possible.

October Benevolence

Neighbors in Need + OCWM

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

We Give Thanks—God of all our relationships, we give thanks for the people who make our lives and our work richer, stronger, and more hopeful. Bless these gifts and the people who will put them to work, that they may become part of partnerships that bring healing, justice, and new possibilities into the world. Teach us to trust one another, to listen before we act, and to remember that your Spirit can do far more through us together than any of us could do alone. Amen.

Hymn

Christ, You Call Us All to Service, 571

A Blessing for the Changemakers

Sending Forth

Postlude

*If you are comfortably able and so called, you're invited to stand. *This worship was designed in collaboration with The Changemaker Initiative (www.thechangemakerinitiative.org) with the help of Kim Jones, Executive Director, and Karen Kehlet, Director of Learning.*

WORSHIP NOTES

- **PRAYGROUND**—At Zion we believe that God invites us to intergenerational worship where all are welcome just as they are. Our Prayground 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 Prayground, 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** – Horizon House Collection Begins
- **Sunday, after worship** – Congregational Meeting
- **Wednesday, 6:30 pm** – Council (Zoom)
- **Thursday, 6:30 pm** – Open and Affirming Task Force (Zoom)
- **Sunday, October 25, 9 am** – Bell Choir Practice
- **Sunday, October 25** – Horizon House Donations Due

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- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—At our congregational meeting, this Sunday 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. We were able to collect 12 units, which means up to 36 lives were saved from this one drive.
- **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

- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—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.
- **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. Chad shared with us his reflection, which is on the conference Substack. It is linked in our weekly email and is on our Facebook page, too, if you'd like to read it.
- **ALL SAINTS**—Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, and it is our tradition at Zion to honor and remember the saints of our church who have passed away in the year leading up to this celebration. In addition to remembering the saints of our church, we want to remember the saints of your lives. You'll be invited to name aloud those you've loved and loss and can light a candle for them.
- **GIVING THANKS AT ZION: SAVE THE DATES**—There are so many reasons to give thanks to our Creator. Save the date for our Annual Thanksgiving Party and Pie Celebration on Sunday, November 15. This will take the place of our 3rd Sunday Lunch for November. We'll have Olive Garden soup and breadsticks, and folks are invited to bring their favorite pie to share. We will also have a special Thanksgiving service of song and praise during worship on Sunday, November 22. There are wonderful gatherings to which you may want to invite family, friends, and neighbors.