

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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November 1, 2026 – Changemakers: Empowerment

Prelude

Gathering *The Call to Fly with "Fly" sung by Kaylee Gephart-Kile*

Centering Words…
In my dreams I can fly
and I soar
and my feet touch the sky
and it seems I can go
anywhere if I try
and the world's not so dark
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If there's no hope
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Responsive Gathering

One: The world needs to change. And we are the changemakers! This work of changemaking is going to take a while.

Many: We are called to be changemakers for our whole lives!

One: And this work is going to take all of us. If we want to keep change going, we need to be inviting others, joining with others, witnessing to others, and empowering others to do this work with us. For many of us, this is the hardest part of making change,

One: but we are ready to be bold.

Many: We come to worship this morning, eager to be part of this movement and to bring others along in our work. We come to worship this morning, trusting that God will empower us. We are the changemakers, and we are ready!

Many: Thanks be to God!

Prayer—God of every generation, we gather in gratitude for the people whose faith, love, and courage have helped shape who we are. Today we remember the saints and changemakers of this congregation who have died, giving thanks for the ways their lives continue to influence ours. As we celebrate their legacy, remind us that your work of love and justice continues through each generation, and that we, too, are called to lift others up and share our gifts. Empower us through this time of worship to carry that work forward.

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.**

All Saints Day Remembrance Celebration—*We remember the saints of our congregation who have passed away this last year. You, too, are invited to name aloud and remember those you have loved and lost.*

We Remember…

Rosemary "Rosie" Sells — June 23, 1934 – November 8, 2025

Patricia "Pat" Lee Snyder — January 28, 1939 – March 26, 2026

The saints of our lives…

"A Blessing for the Day We Mourn Our Dead" *by Kate Bowler*

***Hymn** *For All the Saints,* 529

Scripture *Mark 10:46-52 (CEB)*

[46] Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. [47] When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" [48] Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

[49] Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

[50] Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

[51] Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

[52] Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

Reflection *Changemakers: Empowerment*

Hymn

We Gather at the Table

Set Your Place at the Table—*For those worshipping with us at home, please use whatever you have on hand to represent the bread and the cup. For those worshipping with us in-person, communion cups are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, along with goldfish crackers for children.*

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation,* 544

Our Invitation—At this table, Jesus makes room for those the crowds overlook, listens to voices others try to silence, and reminds us that faith can empower us to rise and follow. Come, remembering the great cloud of witnesses who made room for others. Come, trusting that Christ welcomes each of us to this table.

We Confess our Brokenness—Loving God, forgive us for the times we have joined the crowds in silencing others or refused to hear voices different from our own. Forgive us when we have claimed power for ourselves instead of using it to lift others up and make room for their gifts. Open our hearts to listen with compassion, to honor the dignity of every person, and to follow the example of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—Hear the good news: God's grace meets us where we are and calls forth goodness and courage within us. We are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to share Christ's love with the world.

The Words of Institution—We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks…, broke it, and give it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.`

Blessing Our Meal—God of every generation, bless this bread and cup, signs of Christ's love poured out for all. As we share them, remind us of Jesus, who saw those others overlooked and called forth the faith and gifts already within them. May this meal strengthen us to honor the saints who came before us and to empower others with the same love and courage they shared. Amen.

We Share the Bread and the Cup

We Give Thanks—Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.`

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—We are part of a story that began long before us and will continue long after us, carried forward by generations of people who have given their time, love, and resources to make a difference. As we offer our gifts today, may we honor the changemakers who came before us and help empower those who will carry this work into the future.

November Benevolence *God's Bounty Food Pantry*

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

We Give Thanks—Faithful God, we give thanks for these gifts and for all the saints and changemakers whose generosity, courage, and love have shaped this congregation and this world. Bless what we offer today, that it may continue their work of healing, justice, and hope while creating opportunities for others to lead and serve. May we faithfully pass on the work entrusted to us, empowering new generations of changemakers to share your love with the world. Amen.

Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations,* 621

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.* '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 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, 2 am** – Time Change: Fall Back

- **Sunday, during worship** – All Saints Celebration
- **Monday, 6:30 pm** – Young Adult Group Genesis Study (Zoom)
- **Sunday, November 8, 9 am** – Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BE A BLESSING MAGNETS**—The rest of our "Be a Blessing" magnets have arrived! Pick yours up today if you haven't yet.
- **WABASH PASTORAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**—We shared with excitement earlier this year that Pastor Sarah was one of 13 pastors throughout Indiana to be selected for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, sponsored by the Lilly Endowment. This two year program will help Pastor Sarah grow into a new stage of ministry and develop her leadership skills. Her orientation is November 5. During these training sessions, she will have limited access to phone and email. Please lift up Pastor Sarah and her cohort as they begin this new time of learning and growth.
- **GUEST PREACHER AND ON CALL**—Pastor Sarah will be away November 8-9. Rev. Peter Frye will be our guest preacher that Sunday. Rev. Linda (317-697-8845) and Rev. Dennis (317-502-0205) Frische-Mouri will be on call for pastoral care emergencies.
- **SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING**—Our association will gather for our Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 15, from 3-5 pm, at Faith UCC. Pastor Scott Simmons will share the story of how Faith UCC began getting unstuck and experiencing growth. We'll explore a couple of principles from Tony Morgan's *The Unstuck Church*, with dedicated time to work alongside congregational leaders and begin identifying steps toward the mission Jesus calls you to pursue. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Sarah know.

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- **CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HORIZON HOUSE**—Thank you to everyone who was able to support our collection for Horizon House! We are grateful for every donation and the love you have shown for our neighbors.
- **ANGEL TREE**—We will be partnering with Hands of Hope, assisting with Christmas gifts for children in Foster Care. We will have 8 children, which is the number we had last year. Every year we increase our number, as the tags on the Angel Tree run out early, and we have to ask for more children. Again, it's important to keep the cost between $15-$20, as some of our children might be in the same home, and it's important that the amounts be as equal as possible. Keep an eye out for the Angel Tree to appear soon, with ages, sizes and wishes. These "unwrapped" gifts will be due back to Zion no later than *Sunday, November 29th.*
- **NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE: God's Bounty Food Pantry**—It all started in the

fall of 2010. The Franklin Township Ministerial Association saw a pressing need to help local families struggling with food insecurity. Partnering with Zion and other area churches, God's Bounty was born in 2011, dedicated to serving our neighbors with dignity, compassion, respect, hope, and encouragement. They can't do it without you. Your generosity helps keep God's Bounty shelves stocked. Please consider donating to support this worthy cause.

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- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP GENESIS STUDY**—The Young adults will be meeting throughout November to talk about Genesis. They will meet on Zoom November 2, 16, and 30, along with December 7 and 14, from 6:30-7:30pm on Zoom.
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS**—We are excited to welcome an educator from the Marion County Health Department to our Golden Friends gathering on November 19 at 11 am. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall as we learn about the importance of nutrition for living a healthy life.
- **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.
- **THANKSGIVING PARTY AND PIE CELEBRATION**—Join us on November 22, after worship in the Fellowship Hall, for our Annual Party and Pie Celebration. Bring your favorite pie and an empty stomach because we will be having Olive Garden Soup and Breadsticks, along with salad. We will have some fun activities related to the season, too. This will be our 3rd Sunday Lunch for November.
- **A SERVICE OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE**—Invite your friends and family to join us for a special worship service of thanksgiving and praise on Sunday, November 22, at 10 am, as we turn toward God with a posture of gratitude for God's ongoing love and care for our lives and creation. We are grateful to our choirs, directors, musicians, and soloists for providing special music for this special celebration.