

WORSHIP GUIDE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13TH, 2021 ☞ 10 A.M.



God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a person who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens.

~Mark 4:26-28 (MSG)~

Flourishing

Meditation of the Day: "Be a Gardener. Dig a ditch. Toil and sweat. And turn the earth upside down. And seek the deepness. And water plants in time. Continue this labor. And make sweet floods to run, and noble and abundant fruits to spring. Take this food and drink, and carry it to God as your true worship." ~Julian of Norwich~



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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music ✧

"Phantasie No. 4"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✧

"When We All Get to Heaven"

*Call to Community

Based on Psalm 92:1-4

Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the Holy Name.

**With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare
God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.**

God's works make us glad.

Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.

*Opening Prayer

O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity, and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

Meditative Interlude ✧

"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

Children's Time

WE MEDITATE UPON GOD'S WORD

The Holy Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (MSG)

Lector: Amber Nilson

³⁴⁻³⁵ Samuel left immediately for Ramah and Saul went home to Gibeah. Samuel had nothing to do with Saul from then on, though he grieved long and deeply over him. But God was sorry he had ever made Saul king in the first place. ¹⁶ God addressed Samuel: "So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I've rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I've spotted the very king I want among his sons."

²⁻³ "I can't do that," said Samuel. "Saul will hear about it and kill me." God said, "Take a heifer with you and announce, 'I've come to lead you in worship of God, with this heifer as a sacrifice.' Make sure Jesse gets invited. I'll let you know what to do next. I'll point out the one you are to anoint."

⁴ Samuel did what God told him. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the town fathers greeted him, but apprehensively. "Is there something wrong?" ⁵ "Nothing's wrong. I've come to sacrifice this heifer

and lead you in the worship of God. Prepare yourselves, be consecrated, and join me in worship.” He made sure Jesse and his sons were also consecrated and called to worship. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Here he is! God’s anointed!” ⁷ But God told Samuel, “Looks aren’t everything. Don’t be impressed with his looks and stature. I’ve already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart.” ⁸ Jesse then called up Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “This man isn’t God’s choice either.” ⁹ Next Jesse presented Shammah. Samuel said, “No, this man isn’t either.” ¹⁰ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “God hasn’t chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?” “Well, yes, there’s the runt. But he’s out tending the sheep.” Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.” ¹² Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking. God said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.” ¹³ Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life. Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

Gospel Lesson ✦

Mark 4:26-34 (MSG)
Pastor Katie

²⁶⁻²⁹ Then Jesus said, “God’s kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time! ³⁰⁻³² “How can we picture God’s kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It’s like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it.” ³³⁻³⁴ With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

The Message

Mustard Seed Faith

Contemplative Interlude ✦

“The God of Abraham Praise”

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Your generosity overflows in abundance, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our gifts that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks for your child, Jesus, who shared stories of your kingdom and who died so that we might no longer live for ourselves, but live as new creations in him who you raised to life for us and made all things new. And we see signs of new life all around us...

We give thanks for the warming of the late spring sun chasing the memory of the cold gloom of winter away. We give thanks for the warming of the soil to strike life into our vegetable and flower seeds. We give thanks as the warmth strikes life in our souls as well!

How many times do we read of those precious moments when Jesus and the disciples gathered for a meal? Those times when their souls and bodies were nourished over a shared meal. And we remember the last supper which drew together teacher and disciple in a new way... pointing us all in a new direction for the Way the truth and the life. At the Table, fellowship and friendship is created, strengthened and enhanced. We are modern day disciples, gathering in the name of Christ. We remember and we live into our memories. At the Table, we become the living Body of Christ, nourished body and soul. We hear in each other Christ's word of hope and live Christ's word of faith. We look at each other and see Christ reflected back in the eyes of our neighbor. We also come to break the bread of commitment and drink the wine of blessing. Come then let us take this Holy Sacrament to our comfort. Remember who he is and he gives himself for the life of the world, and for the life of our community here.

The Story

The Meal ✧

"There is A Balm in Gilead/I Must Tell Jesus"

The Prayer

Let there be joy amongst us as we remember that this common meal is celebrated throughout the worldwide Church.

Thanks be to God.

But let there also be a sadness, amongst us as we remember those who recover from war and illness throughout our world. Remembering our sisters and brothers in faraway places like: Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Israel. Palestine, India, Rwanda, Liberia, Guatemala, and so many places known to you O God we lay before you our deep concern for the people in these countries as they struggle for peace and healing, as we also pray for those who struggle for peace and healing within our own country.

May this meal lay us open to Christ, and our talking be the mood of Christ amongst us. As we join our voices together in our worldwide prayer...

*Prayer of Our Savior

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

God is good,

All of the time.

All of the time.

God is good.

Go in Peace, beloved friends!

Amen.

Prelude to Service ✨

"Prelude in C-Minor"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of June 13th



Honoring Our Graduates



We will honor all 2021 graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) with a special blessing ceremony during our June 27th worship service. There is still time to honor your graduate by submitting your graduate's name and photo, school, and degree earned to Pastor Katie or the Church Office by June 23rd.

Repairs Update

Sanctuary repairs continue and are nearing completion. Currently the repairs are projected to be completed this Friday, June 18th, 2021. We should be on target to resume services in the sanctuary around the beginning of July. We will need to do a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary and the organ once repairs are completed to prepare the sanctuary for worship again. Let Pastor Katie or Becky know if you can help us clean the sanctuary later this month.



Ongoing Food Collection



Collecting non-perishable food items for the new Zion Food Bank to supplement our Soup Kitchen outreach by not only offering a free meal on Tuesday evenings, but to help provide needed nutrition throughout the week for those who need it. We will bless the foods initially collected in early July. Bring your offerings of food for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord!



Search & Call Committee Meeting – June 14th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Soup Kitchen – June 15th from 5pm-6:15pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required!

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – June 17th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID 815 1055 0627 Passcode 899733.

Summer Block Party – June 19th, starting at 3pm in Church parking lot.

Free Hot Dogs, Music, Games, Crafts & More. **Spread the word!**



Joys & Concerns

As a community of believers, we are all called to ministry, some as ordained ministers, the rest of us as laity. It is in our very being that we minister to one another. We celebrate one another's joys with grateful hearts before our God and we comfort one another when any of the flock has a heavy heart. First Corinthians 12:12 tells us, "that just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." It is in that spirit; that we share any concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts along with any joys that may be lifting our spirits.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Jeff Crosby** (Jun 14th) and **Tre Seibert** (Jun 15th). Happy Anniversary to **Anissa & Doug Wade** (Jun 19th). May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives are filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Kelly Bedard](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Bracket](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Ruth Dwyer](#), [Rusty Guessford](#), [Mike Heyser](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Jeanne France Hvidding](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Susan Layman](#), [Richard Lohman](#), [Mike Lorfing](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Donna Rae Seidel](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Darla Smith](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Janet Taylor](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).



Free Organ & Trumpet Recital

July 11th at 2pm in Zion's historic Sanctuary

Selections by Bach, Morricone, Handel, Miller, and Sousa

Performed by Zion musicians, Claire Marie Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter). Featuring Zion's historic Moeller Pipe Organ.

**A Free-Will Offering will be taken to benefit Zion's new piano fundraiser.*

JOIN US FOR A BLOCK PARTY

All are welcome!!

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Starting at 3:00 p.m.

Hotdogs, Games, Crafts, Music and more



Bring your family and friends!!

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