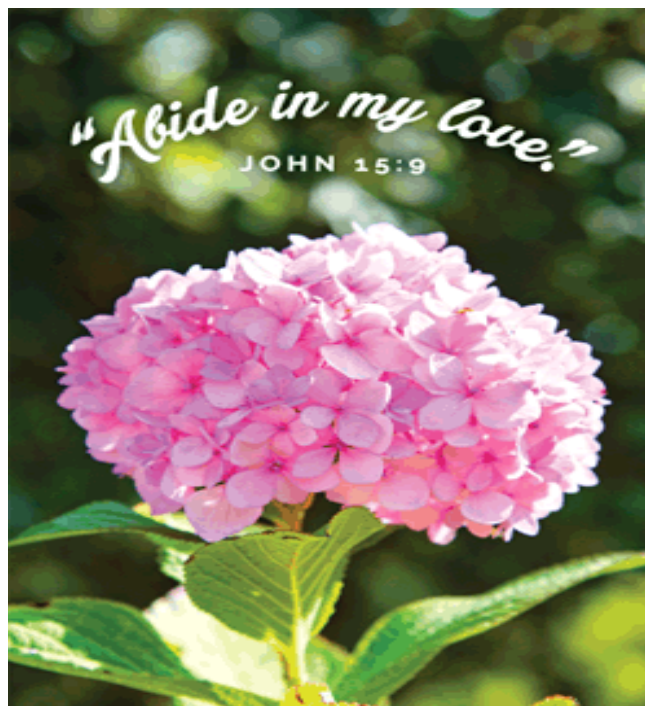


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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WORSHIP GUIDE



*I Love to Tell the Story*



*Meditation of the Day:*

**As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you.**

*~John 15:9~*



# *WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD*

*\* All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music ✨

"Scenes From Childhood"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✨

"There Is A Fountain"

\*Call to Community

Based on Psalm 92:1-4

It's awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

**When waters are rough,  
We hold each other tightly.  
When the sea begins to swallow us,  
We hold each other tightly and call on God.**

But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

**We can splash and play in the shallow end  
And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.  
Delighting in refreshing currents of community  
And savoring each burst of laughter,  
Let's invite others to join in the fun!**

\*Opening Prayer

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea:  
Powerful and endless,  
yet soothing and constant.  
Let us feel your refreshing presence  
as we gather near your waters  
to wade in the possibilities of life  
that you offer us this day.**

Meditative Interlude ✨

"Faith Of Our Fathers"

Litany for Father's Day

For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.**

For men, though without children of their own, acted like fathers and have nurtured and cared for us.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.**

For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own and created a new family.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.**

For adoptive fathers, who have claimed the orphan and loved the once unwanted as a precious gift from God.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.**

For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children and have not sustained their families.

**Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.**

For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

**Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.**

For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

**Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.**

For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

**Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Children's Time

*WE MEDITATE UPON GOD'S WORD*  
*The Holy Scriptures*

Hebrew Lesson

*1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 (MSG)*  
Lector: Barb Hendershot

The Philistines drew up their troops for battle. They deployed them at Socoh in Judah, and set up camp between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes Dammim. Saul and the Israelites came together, camped at Oak Valley, and spread out their troops in battle readiness for the Philistines. The Philistines were on one hill, the Israelites on the opposing hill, with the valley between them.

A giant nearly ten feet tall stepped out from the Philistine line into the open, Goliath from Gath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was dressed in armor—126 pounds of it! He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail—the spear tip alone weighed over fifteen pounds. His shield bearer walked ahead of him.

Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops, "Why bother using your whole army? Am I not Philistine enough for you? And you're all committed to Saul, aren't you? So pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he gets the upper hand and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I get the upper hand and kill him, you'll all become our slaves and serve us. I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!"

When Saul and his troops heard the Philistine's challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope.

One day, Jesse told David his son, "Take this sack of cracked wheat and these ten loaves of bread and run them down to your brothers in the camp. And take these ten wedges of cheese to the captain of their division. Check in on your brothers to see whether they are getting along all right, and let me know how they're doing—Saul and your brothers, and all the Israelites in their war with the Philistines in the Oak Valley."

David was up at the crack of dawn and, having arranged for someone to tend his flock, took the food and was on his way just as Jesse had directed him. He arrived at the camp just as the army was moving into battle formation, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines moved into position, facing each other, battle-ready. David left his bundles of food in the care of a sentry, ran to the troops who were deployed, and greeted his brothers. While they were talking together, the Philistine champion, Goliath of Gath, stepped out from the front lines of the Philistines, and gave his usual challenge. David heard him.

"Master," said David, "don't give up hope. I'm ready to go and fight this Philistine." Saul answered David, "You can't go and fight this Philistine. You're too young and inexperienced—and he's been at this fighting business since before you were born." David said, "I've been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I'd go after it, knock it down, and rescue the lamb. If it turned on me, I'd grab it by the throat, wring its neck, and kill it. Lion or bear, it made no difference—I killed it. And I'll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of God-Alive. GOD, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine."

Saul said, "Go. And GOD help you!"

Then Saul outfitted David as a soldier in armor. He put his bronze helmet on his head and belted his sword on him over the armor. David tried to walk but he could hardly budge. David told Saul, "I can't even move with all this stuff on me. I'm not used to this." And he took it all off. Then David took his shepherd's staff, selected five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the pocket of his shepherd's pack, and with his sling in his hand approached Goliath.

As the Philistine paced back and forth, his shield bearer in front of him, he noticed David. He took one look down on him and sneered—a mere boy, apple-cheeked and peach-fuzzed. The Philistine ridiculed David. "Am I a dog that you come after me with a stick?" And he cursed him by his gods.

"Come on," said the Philistine. "I'll make roadkill of you for the buzzards. I'll turn you into a tasty morsel for the field mice." David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel's troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day GOD is handing you over to me. I'm about to kill you, cut off your head, and serve up your body and the bodies of your Philistine buddies to the crows and coyotes. The whole earth will know that there's an extraordinary God in Israel. And everyone gathered here will learn that GOD doesn't save by means of sword or spear. The battle belongs to GOD—he's handing you to us on a platter!" That roused the Philistine, and he started toward David. David took off from the front line, running toward the Philistine. David reached into his pocket for a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead, embedding the stone deeply. The Philistine crashed, face down in the dirt.

Gospel Lesson ✠

*Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)*

Pastor Katie

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with

him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

The Message

*Storms*

Contemplative Interlude✠

"Eternal Father Strong To Save"

*WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PRESENCE*

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**Extravagant God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.**

*Sacrament of Communion*

Invitation to the Table

When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich leaders, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God's Beloved Community. A Community where: all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

**All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.**

Prayer of Remembrance

We remember that Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full – and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.**

At these meals, Jesus, and the women and men disciples resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out a new – the Beloved Community of God – a place of love, justice, and mutuality. Today we celebrate these meals and ministries and seek signs of this Community in our midst.

But we also recognize that not all people liked Jesus' ministry. In fact, for some people, it was scandalous. They said, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Jesus' life became endangered.

When his arrest seemed near, Jesus ate a meal in an upper room with the disciples. As he had done so many times before, he took bread and after having given thanks to You, Holy God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, this time saying, "Do this to remember me." After the meal he shared wine, gave thanks, and said, "I will not drink from this cup again until I drink it with you in the presence of God."

Jesus was then unjustly killed by the systems of domination of his day.

To some of his frightened disciples it seemed that the bread symbolized his broken body, and the wine his blood. It also seemed like injustice and violence killed Jesus and his ministry. But the resurrection provided a new hope. There were more meals – and more ministries! We thank you, Holy God, that the last supper wasn't the last meal – or the last word!

At an evening meal in Emmaus, Jesus once again ate with the disciples. His execution wasn't the end. His presence and ministry continued in a new way. Jesus once more took bread, and having given thanks to You, Holy God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, revealing that Your steadfast love is stronger than death – and your ministry, with us, for the sake of your Beloved Community, continues.

The vision of this Beloved Community persisted – and persists today – through the many women and men who seek to be your resurrection community. Despite the divisions, violence, and injustice in the world, God continually brings forth renewed hope for love, justice, and mutuality to and through each of us.

Therefore, Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and wine, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Blessing the Bread and Cup

Gracious God, may this meal, for us, be an "Emmaus meal," where we encounter your presence in the sharing of this food, as the disciples did at their meal in Emmaus.

May the sharing of this food also be a taste of your Beloved Community, Holy God, so we may be strengthened to be your joyful and hopeful disciples. And may we share in your Beloved Community of love, justice, and mutuality with those around us. Amen!

### Blessing

**Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen!**

Come taste and see and know God is present with us here.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place. We also thank you for giving us a glimpse of your Beloved Community through this meal. Please use this food to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing your Beloved Community of love, justice, and mutuality. Flow through us, healing God, as we join our voices together in our common 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 ✨

"He Leadeth Me"

*GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!*





## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of June 20<sup>th</sup>



### Honoring Our Graduates



We will honor all 2021 graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) with a special blessing ceremony during our June 27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Repairs Update

Sanctuary repairs are completed, and the sanctuary looks beautiful with the walls repaired and a fresh coat of paint. We will resume services in the sanctuary next Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.



### 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 on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring your offerings of food for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord!



**Christian Ed Meeting** – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 4pm via Zoom

**Soup Kitchen** – June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm-6:15pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.  
All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required!

**Search & Call Committee Meeting** – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm via Zoom

**Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club** – June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via Zoom.  
<https://zoom.us/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**.

**Zion Book Club** – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Sue Graff's



## 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 **Joann Myers** (Jun 21<sup>st</sup>), **Randy Overcash** (Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>), **Jason Weicht** (Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>), **Susan Lohman** (Jun 26<sup>th</sup>). 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: [Tess Anderson](#), [Kelly Bedard](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Bracket](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Ruth Dwyer](#), [Rusty Guessford](#), [Jim Hatfield](#), [Mike Heyser](#), [Jeanne France Hvidding](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Susan Layman](#), [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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day and Jubilee Day was yesterday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. This day has been celebrated since 1865 by our African American siblings and became an officially recognized federal holiday this past Thursday when President Biden signed the bill passed by Congress designating June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth National Independence Day.


It was on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation - which had been issued on January 1, 1863 – was read to newly freed African Americans in Galveston, Texas by General George Granger. On Juneteenth, our calling is to let freedom ring for every citizen, regardless of skin tone. Here in the USA, we face on a daily basis the impact of the “original sin” of slavery and racism and the ongoing reality of systemic injustice in the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

As Americans, we need to repent and change our ways. We need to ensure that every person in our nation is treated as God’s beloved child, treated equally and given an opportunity to fulfill God’s vision for her or his life. Let us celebrate Juneteenth as well as the Fourth of July as we seek to live our nation’s dream. Let us welcome strangers, honor diversity, and see every encounter as an opportunity to bless neighbor and stranger alike. Let us remember that in the body of Christ, there is no “other.” We are one in Christ. We are all in this together. Let us love one another.

\*Much of this message is an excerpt from the article, “Faith in a Time of Crisis – On Juneteenth, Celebrate Freedom” by Bruce Epperly. [<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/livingaholyadventure/2020/06/faith-in-a-time-of-crisis-on-juneteenth-celebrate-freedom/>]

# Happy Father's Day



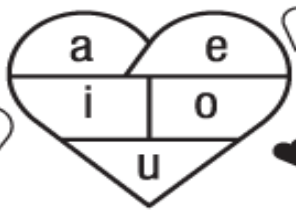


## PUZZLE

### A friend in Jesus

*In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.*

*Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



“Y \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f  
y \_ \_ d \_ wh \_ t \_ c \_ mm \_ nd. ...  
Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:  
L \_ v \_ \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

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