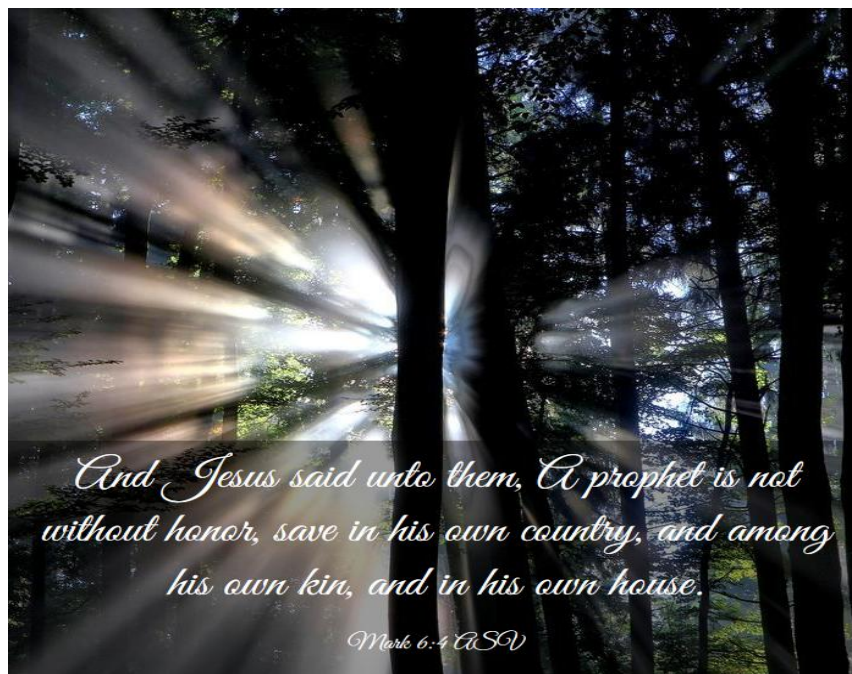


WORSHIP GUIDE

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021 ☞ 10 A.M.



I Love to Tell the Story

Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.

Meditation of the Day by ~Khalil Gibran~



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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music ✧

"Prelude in D-Flat Major/ Dawn"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✧

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*Call to Community

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any places that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear! Amen.

Meditative Interlude ✧

"America the Beautiful"

Prayer of Confession

Psalms 123 (NIV)

I lift my eyes up to you who sit enthroned in Heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy. Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt. We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

Children's Time

(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD
The Holy Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (NIV)
Lector: Wells Ridenour

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Gospel Lesson ✠

Mark 6:1-13 (NIV)
Rae Smith, Celebrant

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Message by Rae Smith, Celebrant

Listening and Hearing

Contemplative Interlude

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just these gifts but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

*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.**

Independence Day Blessings

Independence Day Reflection Video

"Dear America"

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 ✦

"God of Our Fathers"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 4th



Ongoing Food Collection



We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the new Zion Food Bank to supplement our Soup Kitchen outreach. This will help to provide needed nutrition throughout the week for those who need it. Please continue to bring your offerings of food for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord!

School Supplies

We will be collecting school supplies to give out as prizes at our next Block Party, August 7th. We will also be donating school supplies to Title One schools, Bester Elementary and the local Head Start program.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Children, grandchildren, teachers, and school staff are all invited to bring their backpacks to church on August 29th for a special blessing. We will also be blessing our Micah's backpacks and all donated school supplies. Please join us on this special day.

Help Wanted

Children's Church needs instructors, apply within. Benefits include:

- Instant Hero Status
- Exercise during worship
- Unlimited high fives
- Free Crayons
- All you can eat Goldfish Crackers*



See Kim Ridenour, Christian Education Director for more information or email miskim@myactv.net.



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

All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required!

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – July 8th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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



JOYS AND 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 **Ralph France** (July 9th) and Happy Anniversary to **Carol & Ralph France** (July 11th). 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](#), [Mike Lorfing](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm Schmidt](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Janet Taylor](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).



Happy Independence Day celebrations as we thank God for the freedoms and blessings our country offers us. Let us also remember the injustices of our very own society faced by so many and commit to true justice for ALL as we strive and pray to be more compassionate, to be more loving, with one another and our resources, here and abroad, so that all may be loved, cared for, and treated with dignity always, as God does with each of us. #TrueFreedom

Free Organ & Trumpet Recital Next Sunday

Featuring Zion's historic Moeller Pipe Organ and Zion musicians, Claire Marie Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter). Selections by Bach, Handel, Morricone, Miller, and Sousa.

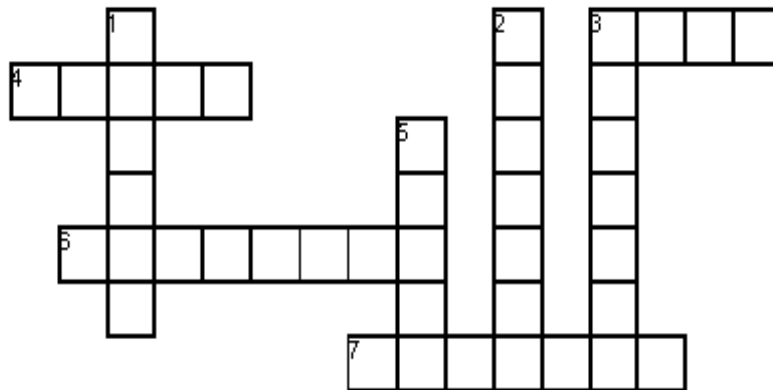


**A Free-Will Offering will be taken to benefit Zion's new piano fundraiser.*



JESUS IS REJECTED IN NAZERETH

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)



HORIZONTAL

3. The mother of Jesus
4. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
6. The town or city where a person was born the or grew up
7. A man or boy with the same parents as another person

VERTICAL

1. The ability to judge what is true or right
2. One who is a spokesman for God to man
3. An event that can only be done through power of God
5. To treat with great respect

HONOR

WISDOM

HOMETOWN

BROTHER

MARY

MIRACLE

FAITH

PROPHET

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Fourth of July Trivia

1. When did the Fourth of July become a federal holiday?
2. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July?
3. Which president was born on the Fourth of July?
4. When did the Fourth of July become a paid federal holiday?
5. T/F: There are Fourth of July celebrations in other countries.
6. Which president was the first to hold a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
7. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?
8. When were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?
9. T/F: Three of the first five U.S. presidents died on the Fourth of July.
10. How many people lived in the American colonies when the Declaration of Independence was signed?

ANSWERS: (1) 1870 (2) Two (3) Calvin Coolidge (4) 1938 (5) True (6) Thomas Jefferson (7) The Pennsylvania Evening Post (8) 1777 (9) True (10) 2.5 Million



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