

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF TREMONT

August 28th, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of the Word



Luke 14: 1,7-14 Illustrated Children's Moment & Worship

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a just world for all

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and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
(Luke 14:11).*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**please stand as you are able*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Betty Funk*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Welcome to the banquet of hope,
the open bar of prayer,
the “anonymous” circle of acceptance.

Many: We come because we are invited.

One: Welcome to a fiesta of joy
or a mercy meal of tenderness,
where every seat is a place of honor.

Many: We come because we are invited.

One: Welcome to a party for God’s love-reveal,
where all seating is a circle,
and karaoke is never necessary
because we sing our own stories.

**Many: We come because we have an invitation,
not on paper, simply our names.**

*GATHERING PRAYER

**God, we come to this gathering
of community
where there are no barriers,**

and all our abilities
are celebrated as gifts.
We come to receive
your hospitality of caring
for each one of us
and to learn from you
how to offer such a celebration
to stranger, friend, chosen family,
those whose faces
are unfamiliar to us,
and the face
who meets us in the mirror.
Amen

***HYMN - NCH 28- For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Author (st. 1-3): Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

Author (st. 4): Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

Stanza 4 © 1993 Medical Mission Sisters

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

Composer: Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapter: William H. Monk, 1861

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**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

Refrain:

**God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: [Refrain]**

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]**

**4 For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none excluded,
For a faith that never tires
and for every heart renewed. [Refrain]**

A READING OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25: 6-7

These verses from Proverbs 25 contain wisdom sayings about humility. The sayings remind us to not assume we know our place—instead, we are to act with humility and be asked to join the presence of the powerful, instead of being demoted in shame. These verses are echoed in Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading in Luke 14.

25 6 Don't try to act grand in the presence of the powerful,
or grab the place of honor at a table—
7 it's better to be told, "Come sit up here,"
than to be put down in front of someone important.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 112 (*Responsively*)

Psalm 112 is an acrostic poem, in which each line begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The psalmist calls the people into praise of God by staying true to God's commandments. They will know all of God's blessings and will be blessings for other people. They will be firm in their foundation, not shaken by the ways of the world, and stay true for God. The ones who are faithful give freely to those in need. Though evil comes their way, the ones who practice evil will be thwarted and their plans not come to fruition.

112 1 Alleluia!

Happiness comes to those who revere God,
who revel in God's commands!

**2 Their children hold power on earth;
the descendants of the just will always be blessed.**

3 There will be riches and wealth for their families,
and God's justice can never be changed.

**4 For the just, God shines like a lamp in the dark;
God is merciful, compassionate, and righteous.**

5 Good people are generous,
and lend money without interest;
they are honest in all their dealings.

**6 They are never shaken, because they love justice
and will leave an imperishable memory behind
them.**

7 They never fear bad news,
because their unwavering hearts trust in God.

**8 With peaceful hearts, they fear nothing;
and in the end, they will triumph over their enemies.**

9 Quick to be generous, they give to those who are poor,
doing justice always and forever;

their horn will always be lifted in honor.

10 Those who are corrupt become infuriated when they see this; they grind their teeth and waste away, finally vanishing like their empty dreams.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Epistle series in Hebrews comes to an end with Hebrews 13. The writer concludes this letter with advice to continue loving one another and to practice what they have been taught: to show hospitality, to visit those in prison as many of the early believers were, to hold true to their marriage vows, to be content with what they have. As they have lifted up their ancestors in faith as examples, so may they look to those who have shared the faith with them as examples of how to live in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This selection concludes with a conviction to continue to do good, and to praise God freely as Christ freely gave, for this pleases God.

13 1 Continue to love each other as sisters and brothers. 2 Don't neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

3 Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. And be mindful of those who are being treated badly, since you know what they are enduring. 4 Let marriage be honored by everyone, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge covenant breakers and adulterers.

5 Put the love of money out of your lives and be content with what you have, for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

6 Thus we may say with confidence, "God is my Helper, and I will not be afraid; what can mere humans do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, who preached the word of God to you, and as you reflect on the outcome of your lives, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. 15 Through Jesus let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise—that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. 16 Keep doing good works and sharing your resources. These are the sacrifices that please God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus was invited to a Pharisee's house for dinner in Luke 14 Jesus noticed how the guests all tried to sit closer in the seats of honor. He taught them that when they go to a banquet not to assume the seats of honor but to take the lower seats so they may be invited to move closer. For all who exalt themselves are humbled, but those who humble themselves are exalted. Jesus then further instructed that when they are the host, they need to invite not the rich and famous ones around them, because that's expected, but to invite the people on the margins who cannot extend the invitation back. The reward is not quid-pro-quo here on earth, but the reward is knowing you have been kind and good and will receive your reward in the resurrection.

14 1 One Sabbath, when Jesus came to eat a meal in the house of one of the leading

Pharisees, the guests watched him closely.

7 Jesus went on to address a parable to the guests, noticing how they were trying to get a place of honor at the table.

8 “When you’re invited to a wedding party, don’t sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished has been invited. 9 Otherwise the hosts might come and say to you, ‘Make room for this person,’ and you would have to proceed awkwardly to the lowest place. 10 What you should do is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your hosts approach you they’ll say, ‘My friend, come up higher.’ This will win you the esteem of the other guests. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 Then Jesus said to the host, “Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends or colleagues or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. 13 No, when you have a reception, invite those who are poor or have physical infirmities or are blind. 14 You should be pleased that they can’t repay you, for you’ll be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

CHORAL RESPONSE – He is Lord--

Choir: Keith Konet , Barbara Rossington and Bob Bucklew
Accompanist: Betty Funk

REFLECTION – Our Behavior at the Table Matters - The Rev. Scott Rosenstein

WE RESPOND

***PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

**In the peace that we have known, may we be known.
In the love that we have known, may we be known.
In the grace that we have known, may we be known.**

**You cultivate inner peace; may we live out that peace in our homes and communities.
You give us love though we do not deserve it; may we love one another as ourselves.
You grant us grace; may we extend grace and compassion.**

May we live into your ways. May we speak your truth. May we claim eternal life now, a life that is renewed and restored and seeks to repair and heal. For we know this is not simply life after death, this is life that matters now, that changes the world now, that transforms our hearts now. And gives us peace. Amen and Amen.

***HYMN – NCH 543 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life vv. 1, 2, 5, & 6**

where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Author: Frank Mason North, 1903; alt.

Tune: GERMANY (GARDINER) L.M.

William Gardiners Sacred Melodies, 1815

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**1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.**

**2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**5 O Savior, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again:**

**6 Till all shall learn compassion's might,
and follow where your feet have trod,
Till glorious from your realm of light
shall come the city of our God.**

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We are invited to offer our resources, our time, our abilities, our compassion, on days when our lives are full and days when our lives feel empty. We are invited to offer what we have and accept what we need. Our practice is a profound "yes" to the invitation of God.

THE OFFERTORY – *Betty Funk*

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS**

**God, we bring these gifts,
our response to your invitation.
In this giving,
we find ourselves not lessened,
but newly joyful,
truly honored, and deeply fed
by your blessing. Amen.**

CHORAL HYMN - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Choir: Keith Konet, Barbara Rossington, and Bob Bucklew
Accompanist: Betty Funk*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER – using “debts” and “debtors”

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

GOING FORTH

*PARTING HYMN - NCH 388- Help Us Accept Each Other

Help Us Accept Each Other

Author: Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

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Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.

Composer: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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1 Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us,
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.

**3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance,
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.**

**4 God, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
God! Free us, make us one!**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others.

Many: Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads.

One: Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world.

Many: Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus.

One: Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle.

Many: Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us. Amen.

POSTLUDE – *Betty Funk*

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Ministers, *All of Us*
Scott Rosenstein, *Pastor*
Betty Funk, *Pianist and Music Director*
Keith Konet, *Council President*



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

God is Still Speaking...

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you will find a spiritual home in this United Church of Christ congregation. WELCOME!

Tithes and Offerings - Checks and Money Orders can be made payable to: "Zion United Church of Christ" and mailed to:

Zion United Church of Christ
c/o Keith Konet
1039 Bridlewood Drive
Copley, OH 44321

Questions: Contact Keith Konet at 330.604.6939

Church's Website – Zion's previous website was created and maintained for many years by Michael Lukacs. Our thanks to Michael for his generosity and service over the years! As times and circumstances have changed in the life of the church and in technology and hosting platforms, it was deemed time for a new site. Tremont-based web designer, Jill Lackey and her staff at Grove created a new website for us in consultation with Pastor Scott Rosenstein and Bob Bucklew. Our thanks to Jill and her staff! **Our new website address is: zionchurchtremont.org. Check out our website and Facebook page for updates and news!**

Season after Pentecost - Ordinary Time

The longest season of the liturgical calendar is filled with Sundays called "Ordinary Time." **The season - called the Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time - began with Trinity Sunday and ends with**

Reign of Christ Sunday (the Sunday before the start of Advent). If you're like me, you might hear "ordinary time" as "boring time." But that's not the case! The word "ordinary" most likely means "numbered" here (think ordinal numbers), because the Sundays of Ordinary Time are numbered. **In this season we move from concentrating on the event of Christ in the world to focusing toward the impact of being in Christ in the world. A life in the unity of the Trinity is one of being shaped and sent daily in the image and in the purpose of Holy Love.** The liturgical color for this season is green. During the Season after Pentecost, we focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world.

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall.

Think of it—always."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Please Remember in Prayer

- The Universal Church, its members and mission,
- The nation and all in authority, the leaders of our nation - federal, state, and local.
- For democracy and our democratic institutions and norms in the United States.
- The welfare of the world and the concerns of the local community,
- The interrelationship of Gospel values and civic engagement
- Our 155th Anniversary as a community of faith of Zion Church on May 15th, 2022.
- Ministries of the United Church of Christ and of Zion Church.
- The leaders of our church: local, regional, and national, including our Living Water Association UCC, Association General Minister, The Rev. Nayiri Karjian, and Association Faith in Action Minister, The Rev. Michael Howard.
- The ministers and missionaries of the world.
- Those who are refugees and immigrants.
- For children separated from their parents at detention camps along our southern border.
- The families of Ruth Whitfield, 86; Roberta Drury, 32; Aaron Salter, 55; Heyward Patterson, 67; Pearl Young, 77; Geraldine Talley, 62; Celestine Chaney, 65; Katherine Massey, 72; Margus Morrison, 52; and Andre Mackneil, 53 killed last week in a racist-inspired mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York.
- The family and friends of John Cheng, 52, killed in a mass shooting at a church reception in Laguna Woods, California on May 15th.
- The families and friends of the 19 children (3rd & 4th graders) and two teachers murdered in the massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas: Alexandria Aniyah Rubio, 10; Alithia Ramirez, 10; Amerie Jo Garza, 10; Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10; Eliahana Cruz Torres, 10; Eliana "Ellie" Garcia, 9; Eva Mireles, 44 (fourth grade teacher); Irma Garcia (fourth grade teacher); Jackie Cazares, 10; Jailah Nicole Silguero, 10; Jayce Luevanos, 10; Jose Flores, 10; Layla Salazar, 10; Makenna Lee Elrod, 10; Maite Rodriguez; Miranda Mathis, 11; Nevaeh Bravo; Rojelio Torres, 10; Tess Marie Mata; Uziyah Garcia, 10; and Xavier Lopez, 10.
- The families and friends of the those killed in the mass shooting at a medical center in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 1st: two doctors, Preston Phillips, 59 and Stephanie Husen, 48; a receptionist, Amanda Glenn, 40; and a visitor/patient, William Love, 73.
- The families and friends of those killed in the shootings at a potluck dinner on June 16th at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama: 84-year-old Walter Rainey, 75-year-

old Sarah Yeager and 84-year-old Jane Pounds.

- The family and friends of those killed at the mass shooting at the 4th of July Parade in Highland Park, Illinois: Irina and Kevin McCarthy; Eduardo Uvaldo, 69; Katherine Goldstein, 64; Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza, 78; Jacquelyn Sundheim, 63; and Stephen Straus, 88.
- **May God be revealed in their stories and the tears of all who mourn. May their memory be a blessing and their life in God's good care last forever.**
- For racial and religious justice and reconciliation in the United States and around the world.
- Mother Earth and the global reflection on climate disruption.
- For peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world and particularly for the peoples of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, and the United States.
- The people of Afghanistan, Venezuela, Syria, Yemen, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the Kurdish people and the Christians of northern Syria - for peace, nutrition, and justice.
- The people of Tonga affected by the eruption of an undersea volcano and tsunami flooding.
- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive, a total of 438 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of August 26th, 2022. In 2021 a total of 693 mass shooting incidents occurred across the US, in 2020 a total of 611, in 2019 a total of 417, with 337 incidents in 2018. While we pray for the families and friends of those whose lives have been taken in violent acts – and we pray for those injured in body, mind, soul, and spirit – and for their neighborhoods and communities across the United States - We know that our words and prayers are not enough. We must repent for our collective inaction and commit to tirelessly working toward meaningful gun violence prevention.
- For those affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the omicron variant surge: for all those who are infected and/or sick, and those who are grieving, for all who are affected, all around the world, for essential workers and frontline workers...we pray for comfort, for safety, for health, and for wholeness.
- The residents and management of the San Sofia Apartments who share a campus with us.
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living or in a nursing home
- Those who are homebound and those who are caregivers
- Those who suffer or are in any trouble, and the departed.
- Those on our church prayer list:
 - Patti Augustine and family
 - Robert O. Bucklew (*Bob Bucklew's Dad*) in Alliance, Ohio
 - Betty Funk (*our Minister of Music*)
 - Marian Heffernan (*neighbor to Scott and Bob; friend of Elaine – health concerns*)
 - Ken Kauffman & friends: Nim Bryant, Isadora Almaro, Joe & Janelle Reardon, Barbara, and Michael Reed.
 - Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet
 - Keith Konet
 - Marcia Leslie (*neighbor and friend – health concerns*)
 - Elaine Lukacs (*fell at home and injured her knee and leg, presently at O'Neill Healthcare, Room 103, 7250 Old Oak Blvd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 – 440-863-5624.*)
 - Linda and James Mortach (*Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law*) & Linda's daughter

- Patricia Matheny (prayers also for her Cousin Paul Kevin McCray)
- Lee Matsos and family
- Barbara Rossington (*move to a new senior housing community*)
- Henry Senyak (*resident community leader – cancer*)
- The family of Michael O'Brien particularly his wife, Debbie Webb (*following Michael's death last Fall. Our love and sympathy to Debbie and Michael's family*).
- Beverly Wurm (*recuperating*)

Help for Ukraine

Gifts made to UCC **Ukraine Emergency Appeal** will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

Donate online with the link below:

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Cleveland, OH 44194.

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SARA
c/o Heartland Conference UCC
P.O. Box 1230
Worthington, OH 43085.

Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time.

ZION'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BEVERLY WURM

Beverly began a part-time position with us. She will be keeping some limited Office Hours at church/home. The days and hours are:

Monday – 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – 11am – 4pm

Thursday – 9am – 1pm

Beverly can be reached at: zionchurchtremont@gmail.com or by phone at: 216-273-7561 (church) or



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This learning opportunity is offered twice for the convenience of authorized ministers and lay people.

FACILITATOR: The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon, Sr. Pastor, Medina UCC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 9:30-11AM

CHURCH TREASURERS WORKSHOP

Church Treasurers serve a vital function in our congregations, and there is so much you have to know. Bring your questions to this workshop and get ready to take notes. We'll give you answers and offer best practices that will make your important and difficult job just a little easier.

FACILITATOR: Mabelle Miller, Association Financial Administrator

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 6:30-8PM

EFFECTIVE EVALUATION OF CHURCH STAFF AND MINISTRY

Your church staff is by far your most important ministry resource. We want to help you help them flourish by using an effective assessment process. This learning opportunity will give you the tools you need to reduce anxiety and promote personal growth among your church staff. Sign up today. Your staff will thank you.

FACILITATOR: The Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 12 & 19 • 6:30-8PM

GOD'S ABUNDANCE AND ECONOMY

Here's an opportunity to draw inspiration and renewed commitment for faithful living and generosity in our personal lives, congregations, and society. Our presenter will lead an exploration of Old & New Testament teachings for creating a just economy that go far beyond the familiar call in Matthew 25. Jesus and biblical writers reveal God's vision for using God's abundance to enable all people and creation to thrive. We will explore both the personal practices and public policy options that embody a theology of abundance and enable a just economy.

FACILITATOR: Dr. Edith Rasell, author of *The Way of Abundance: Economic Justice in Scripture and Society*

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 18 & 25 • 6:30-8PM

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY

From an expert on childhood in the biblical world comes a truly engaging conversation on how to address reproductive rights from a broader faith perspective. The learning opportunity will consider proof-texts within the social context where they emerged to help us understand how these scriptures apply to our own setting; and offers a theological basis for reproductive rights.

FACILITATOR: Dr. Laurel Koepf, Professor of Old Testament, Eden Theological Seminary

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