

# ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF TREMONT

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
A Service of the Word



## *The Story of Christ*

*by Elizabeth Wang, Image 2 Of 9*

*When we Worship we are united with Christ in Glory and with the gathering of His saints  
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a just world for all

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*"All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples.  
And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs  
and most will never have feast days named for them."  
-Robert Benson in "Between the Dreaming and the Coming True" -*

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

*\*please stand as you are able*

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – *Betty Funk*

### \*Call To Worship:

One: We gather with joys and sorrows and memories of joy and sorrow.

**Many: We gather from hope or habit, with happiness or heartbreak.**

One: We gather knowing every scuffed pew/chair is a place a child sat  
and that every dusty hymnal was held by someone singing.

**Many: We gather, not only to remember,  
but to be present in this place to our own faith,  
and to be truly supportive of one another.**

### \*Gathering Prayer:

**We take courage, O God,  
for your Spirit abides with us  
and we rejoice in your treasure that enriches  
the community inside these walls and online  
today in word and song, prayer and story,  
and the community of those who live around us**

and are blessed by this church,  
and those who will be blessed by them,  
and those who are always blessed  
by an expanding circle of love.  
Amen.

\*Hymn - NCH 299 - For All the Saints vs.1, 2, 3, & 5

### For All the Saints

Author: William W. How, 1864; alt.

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10. 4

Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;  
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,  
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.  
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### A READING OF THE WORD

*The short passage of Job 19 contains Job's plea to God. Job knows that God lives, that God hears his prayer, but he wishes God would answer. Job wishes his words were inscribed as a testimony of what he has been through, as evidence. Though Job's friends have tried to find fault with Job, a reason for Job's suffering, Job knows the only one who can answer truthfully is God.*

**First Reading: Job 19:23-27**

**23** 23 If only all this were on paper!  
what a book it would make!  
24 If only my words were engraved  
forever in granite!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives—  
my Vindicator,  
who at the end will stand on the  
earth;  
26 and after I awake,  
though this body has been destroyed,  
without my flesh I will see God.  
27 I will see God with my own eyes—  
God, and no other!  
How my heart yearns within me!

**Psalm Response: Psalm 17:1-9 (Responsively)**

*Psalm 17 is the psalmist's plea for God to answer their prayer. They know they have done nothing wrong and if God were to test their heart, they would be true. The psalmist has refuted the ways of violent people and has stayed true to God's ways, and they know God will respond. The psalmist beautifully calls upon God to guard them as God's precious one, to keep them safe from evil.*

**17** 1 O God, I plead for a just cause!

Listen to my cry!

Turn your ear to my prayer,  
for my lips are free from untruth.

**2 Prove my integrity—  
let your eyes see what is true!**

3 You search my heart;  
you visit me by night.  
You test me and find nothing wrong:  
I determined that my mouth wouldn't sin!

**4 And as for my actions,  
because of the word you spoke to me,  
I was able to avoid a path  
that leads to violence.**

5 I kept my feet firmly on your road,  
and my steps never faltered.

**6 Now I am the one calling to you—  
and you, O God, will answer me.  
Turn your ear to me and  
hear my prayer.**

7 Show me your steadfast love—  
and your great strength.

Save those who take refuge in you  
from those who hate them.

**8 Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
9 and from violent and ruthless attacks—  
from my enemies who surround me  
with deadly intent.**

**Second Reading: Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*The Epistle reading continues its short series in 2 Thessalonians, turning toward mentions of Christ's return and the day of judgment. The writer (purporting to be Paul) urges the readers to not be worried. Instead, they ought to live as if the day of God was already there. They need to be prepared for deception by leaning on the teachings that have been passed down to them so they can remain steadfast in the gospel they have received. There is a lawless one who isn't named in this letter, but some political or religious leader of the time who put himself above others and claimed to be from God. It is Christ, the writer prays, who will bring comfort and encouragement.*

**2** 1 Concerning the coming of Jesus Christ and our being gathered to meet our Savior: we beg you, sisters, and brothers, 2 don't become easily agitated or disturbed by some prophecy, report or letter falsely attributed to us, which says that the day of our Savior has come. 3 Let no one deceive you, in any way. It cannot happen until the Great Falling Away occurs, and the rebel, the Lost One, has appeared. 4 This is the Enemy, the one who claims to be so much greater than all that people call "God," greater than every object of worship—so much so that it enthrones itself in God's sanctuary and claims to be God. 5 Surely you remember me telling you these things when I was with you?

13 But we ought to thank God always for you, sisters and brothers loved by Christ, because God chose you from the beginning—to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by believing in the truth. 14 God called you through our preaching of the Good News, so that you might gain the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, sisters and brothers, stand firm. Hold fast to the traditions you received from us, either by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Savior Jesus Christ and our Abba God—who loved us and in mercy gave us eternal consolation and hope—17 console your hearts and strengthen them for every good work and word.

**Gospel Reading – Luke 20:27-38**

*Some Sadducees challenge Jesus in this story in Luke 20. The Sadducees were one of several Jewish groups in the first century C.E. They were part of the priestly group that was in charge of worship at the temple, and disagreed with the Pharisees, who were probably more closely aligned with Jesus' views on the authority of scripture and on the belief in resurrection, and the Pharisees were not involved in the temple worship. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection and use a story of a woman who was married more than once as an example of why there couldn't possibly be a resurrection. According to the Levitical tradition of the time, when a man dies with a wife and no child, his brother is to marry the widow. In the story, each brother died without children and then the woman died. If that's the case, the Sadducees ask, then when they all die and are resurrected, to whom is the*

woman married? Jesus responds by telling the Sadducees they are thinking about the resurrection wrongly. Marriage is a human institution, made necessary by our culture and tradition, but not necessary in God's reign. And when God in scripture refers to their ancestors of the faith in speaking to the prophets, such as Moses, God refers to them in the present tense; so therefore, they must be living. To God, all the ancestors of the faith are alive. The way we view our world and our lives is not how God views us at all.

**20** 27 Some Sadducees—the ones who claim there is no resurrection—came forward to pose this question: 28 “Teacher, Moses wrote that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife and no child, the brother should marry the woman now widowed, to raise up children with her. 29 Let’s say that there were seven brothers. The first one married and died childless. 30 The second brother then married the woman, 31 then the third, and so on. All seven died without leaving her any children. 32 Finally the woman herself died. 33 At the resurrection, who will be her husband? Remember, seven married her.”

34 Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry each other, 35 but those judged worthy of a place in the age to come and of the resurrection from the dead don’t take husbands or wives. 36 They can no longer die, like the angels—they are children of God since they are children of the resurrection. 37 That the dead rise again was even demonstrated by Moses when, in the passage about the bush, he called the Most High ‘the God of Sarah and Abraham, and the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob.’ 38 God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All are alive to God.”

### **Choral Response – His Name is Wonderful**

Music by Audrey Mieir, 1959  
Choir: Keith Konet and Barbara Rossington  
Accompanist: Betty Funk

### **Reflection – The Rev. Doug Horner**

#### **WE RESPOND**

#### **\*Prayer of Response**

**God of Justice, we often view judgment as harsh, condemning, something against us, instead of understanding that you call us to judge ourselves, to stop and listen for your word whispering in our heart. Your judgment is sound and your decrees in scripture are true. You have called us to turn back to you.**

**Your justice lifts up those who are lowly and fills those who are hungry with good things. When it is harsh, it is because we have had too much and now are sent away empty.**

**When we are too high on ourselves we are brought down, but when we have been crushed down, you raise us up. You are Just and True, and we trust your words in our hearts, your breath in our lives. We trust where you are leading us.**

**Even when it is hard, you lead us forward into your ways of justice and mercy. Help us to go forward together and to trust in you. Amen**

**\*A Litany of All Saints**

“For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Leader: Gracious God, you are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people:

**Unison: Abraham and Sarah, who believed your promise even when they were old and barren;**

Leader: Isaiah of Jerusalem, who in a time marked by terror, proclaimed that the lion would lie down with the lamb;

**Unison: Ruth, whose loyalty to Naomi became a model for people of every time and place;**

Leader: Esther, who risked her life before the king to save her people;

**Unison: Paul of Tarsus, who was beaten and shipwrecked while carrying the Gospel to the Gentiles;**

Leader: Mary Magdalene, who ran from the tomb crying out that Jesus was alive;

**Unison: Martin Luther, who spoke afresh of salvation by grace alone through faith;**

Leader: Pilgrim Pastor John Robinson, who proclaimed that God, "has yet more light and truth to break forth out of his holy Word."

**Unison: Poet Phillis Wheatley and world-renowned preacher/writer, Lemuel Haynes, who achieved historic firsts for African American people of faith in colonial America;**

Leader: Antoinette Brown, the first woman since New Testament times ordained as a Christian minister;

**Unison: Evangelical and Reformed theologian Reinhold Niebuhr who introduced the world to the now famous Serenity Prayer;**

Leader: The Rev. Joseph H. Evans, past president of the United Church of Christ, elected by General Synod the first African American leader of a racially integrated mainline church in the United States.

**Unison: All the saints of the Zion Church family and wider community who have died in recent years:**

*Keith Konet leads the reading of names and lighting of memorial candles:*

**Tina Fitzgerald (July 30, 1956 – October 28, 2020)  
dearly beloved friend and member of this congregation for 23 years**

**Greg Wells (May 8, 1957 – March 18, 2020)  
- brother of Beverly Wells Wurm**

**David Moore (December 18, 1948 - October 28, 2020)**  
- good friend of Ken Kauffman

**Keith Moore (September 14, 1958 – June 28, 2021)**  
friend and colleague of Scott Rosenstein

**Paul Franklin Naugle, Jr. (August 6, 1922 – September 4, 2021)**  
- longtime church member, Choir member, and Trustee of Zion Church

**Michael R. O'Brien (October 19, 1944 - September 14, 2021)**  
- beloved friend, member of Zion Church, Bible Study/Book Discussion participant,  
and neighborhood activist

**Michael Reed (unknown - September 25, 2022)**  
- friend and former downstairs neighbor of Ken Kauffman; Tremont resident;  
good friend of Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC

*You are invited to light a candle in honor/memory of a loved one who has passed on.*

**Unison: God of all people, we recall the names of these witnesses, we pray they will inspire us with their extravagance: excessive love, flagrant mercy, radical affection, exorbitant charity, immoderate faith, and intemperate hope as in the way of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We also recall the 6,590,000 people worldwide— among them more than 1,066,000 Americans - who died from the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Many of them may be nameless to us – but their names and lives are cherished by family and friends. May they be at rest with you,

**Unison: O God, in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who have died. As they grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn – NCH 295 – I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

**I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

Author: Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

Tune: GRAND ISLE Irr.

Composer: John H. Hopkins, 1940

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**1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
Faithful their whole lives through,  
who bravely labored, lived, and died  
for the God who they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
another a shepherd in pastures green:  
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean,  
God, help me, to be one too.**



**2 They loved their God, and they lived that love.  
It was loving that made them strong.  
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake,  
lived justly their whole lives long.  
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,  
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
there is no earthly reason, none in the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.**

**3 They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is filled with living saints  
who choose to do God's will.  
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,  
in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:  
for the saints are folk like you and like me,  
and I mean to be one, too.**

### **Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offering**

We are invited to offer financial resources, time, abilities, compassion, in a tangible expression of our hope for the future inside and outside of this community of faith and for many others near and far away. Be generous, my friends, with your trust in the future.

### **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**

**We take courage, O God, for your Spirit abides with us and we rejoice to bring our treasure to meet yours enriching the community inside this familiar place, and the community of those who live around us and may be blessed by our gifts and share your love as our hearts expand. Amen.**

### **Choral Hymn – May the Mind of Christ Our Savior**

*Choir: Keith Konet and Barbara Rossington  
Accompanist: Betty Funk*

### **Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Doug Horner**

**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 198 – Lift High the Cross vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5 with refrain**

### **Lift High the Cross**

**Author: George William Kitchin, 1827-1912**

**Reviser: Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.**

**Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain**

**Composer: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916**

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### **Refrain:**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;  
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]**

**2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]**

**4 Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease,  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]**

**5 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]**

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**One: Now, go out into the world as God's people!**

**Many: We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.**

One: Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

**Many: We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.**

One: Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

**Many: We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.**

**\*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

### Guest Preacher Today, November 6, 2022

Is the **Rev. Doug Horner** of the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland, OH. . Rev. Horner is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, US Marine Corp. veteran, Advocate for our Homeless neighbors, and served as Senior Pastor of St. Paul's Community UCC of Ohio City for 17 years of ministry – retiring in 2020. St. Paul's, with roots in the Inner City Protestant Parish movement of the 1950s, has always been a community center as well as a worshipping congregation. It hosts daytime drop-in programs, a thrift shop, free meals, after-school youth activities, occasional evening "coffee house" performances and more. Rev. Horner most recently served as an active staff volunteer on the Justin Bibb campaign for Cleveland Mayor. Please give Rev. Horner a very warm Zion Church welcome!

### 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 – 10am-2pm

Thursday – 9am – 1pm

**Beverly can be reached at: [zionchurchtremont@gmail.com](mailto:zionchurchtremont@gmail.com) or by phone at: 216-273-7561 (church) or 216-310-6810 (mobile).**

**Holy Communion rescheduled to another Sunday this month.**

### All Saints' Sunday (November 6th)

**All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st or the first Sunday of November (November 6<sup>h</sup>, 2022).**

The ancient church set aside such a festival day to remember martyrs and saints not honored on

special days. By the 8th century the Pope had established November 1st to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and to make amends if any of the saints' feasts had not been sufficiently observed. **The night before All Saints Day was called All Hallows' Eve, or in the old English, Halloween.** In generations past both children and adults would parade in costumes that represented the saints. Once a minor holiday, today's Halloween has emerged as one of the top six for retailers with estimates that in 2019 shoppers in the US spent \$8.8 billion on costumes and candy.

**It's interesting to note that the Celtic pagans had long observed this same day, October 31st, as Samhain (sow'-en).** In the northern hemisphere, it's half way between the autumnal equinox and the winter solstice, the final harvest celebration, and therefore the last day of the old year. As the earth seems to be dying, Samhain emphasizes mortal death and so is believed to be the time when the veil between this world and the next is thinnest. It's easy to see why the popular emphasis on things that "pierce the veil" persists.

**Since the Reformation in the 16th century Protestants shifted away from the Roman Catholic idea of saints as somehow super-holy disciples who can intercede between us and God. So November 2nd is more our day. It's All Souls Day, more attentive to remembering all the commonplace, everyday saints who have touched our lives.**

In many **Lutheran, United Methodist and United Church of Christ congregations**, All Saints' Day is celebrated the Sunday after Reformation is celebrated (the date for Reformation Day is October 31, so Reformation Sunday is celebrated on or before October 31st). **In most congregations, the festival is marked as an occasion to remember the dead.** The names of those who have died from the congregation within the last year are read during worship and a bell is tolled, a chime is played or a candle is lit for each name read. Prayers and responsive readings may accompany the event.

**While the dead are solemnly remembered during worship on All Saints' Sunday, the festival is ultimately a celebration of Christ's victory over death.**

**In English-speaking countries, services often include the singing of the traditional hymn "For All the Saints" by William Walsham How.** The most familiar tune for this hymn is Sine Nomine by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Other hymns that are popularly sung during corporate worship on this day are **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"** and **"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**.

As the hymn, **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"** says, **the saints of God are just folk like me... and like you.** We know how the love of God shines particularly through some people. I can list a handful of people I've known over the years who were true examples of the life of discipleship. You likely can, too. Let's take a few moments in silence so each of us can remember and offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

**By remembering those of the past, the church is inspired to live faithfully as Christ's disciples in the present.**



### **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.
- 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 Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, western Cuba, eastern Canada-along with the people of Florida and the Carolinas profoundly impacted by the recent hurricanes. Be with all who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones, homes, businesses, and infrastructure.
- Please help the survivors to process and move through the trauma, and to rebuild their lives and communities.
- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive, a total of 580 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of November 2nd. 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 (recovery from respiratory illness) 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, and Barbara.
  - Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet
  - Keith Konet and his brother who suffered a broken humerus from an injury caused by a fallen branch.
  - Marcia Leslie (neighbor and friend – health concerns)
  - Elaine Lukacs (has been moved to: **Altenheim Skilled Nursing Facility: 18627 Shurmer Road, Room 408 Strongsville, Oh 44136) 440-238-3361 ext. 5071.**
  - Linda and James Mortach (Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law) & Linda's daughter and James' son
  - Patricia Matheny (prayers also for her Cousin Paul Kevin McCray)
  - Scott Rosenstein and Bob Bucklew recovering from COVID infections.
  - 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). **Debbie has recently fallen and suffered a fracture to her femur. She is at home recovering.**
  - Beverly Wurm—**respiratory illness at home – also great grandson, Orion (4 yrs.) has undergone tests and referred to Texas Children's hospital where he will undergo surgery after treatment with medication for 12 weeks.**

**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:

<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>

Or designate a check for Ukraine Relief and mail to:

United Church of Christ,  
P.O. Box 71957  
Cleveland, OH 44194.

Gifts made to **Sharing America's Resources Abroad (S.A.R.A)** provide food, clothing, and sanitary items for refugees fleeing to Hungary.

**Donate online with the link:**

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=QC5P9F6Z9LT32](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=QC5P9F6Z9LT32)

Or designate a check for **S.A.R.A. - Donations for Ukraine Emergency Fund** and mail to:

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.**

## **Pakistan's 'dire' flood crisis is subject of UCC emergency appeal**

The United Church of Christ has issued an emergency appeal for relief-and-recovery gifts in response to what it called "massive flooding" across most of Pakistan.

The most pressing needs are for food, clean water and sanitation, and emergency housing.

**People can donate electronically at this page: <https://tinyurl.com/ya8msm3n> by selecting "International Emergency" as the option and entering "Pakistan response" as the specific appeal.**

**Gifts by check can be made payable to United Church of Christ, with "Pakistan Response Fund" noted in the memo section, and mailed to P.O. Box 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194.**

## **Hurricanes 2022 Emergency Appeal**



The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal to support immediate needs for families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. To read more, visit visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6kpt24>

While this year's hurricane season started slow, later developments have made it clear just how dangerous and destructive these storms can be. With wind speeds topping out at 130 miles per hour and 155 miles per hour, respectively, Hurricanes Fiona and Ian have left devastation in their wake. Fiona's winds left all of Puerto Rico in the dark, many people remain without power. Communities remain in crisis mode as the delivery of food, drinking water, and medical needs is challenged in hard-to-reach places cut off by downed trees, mudslides, and washed away bridges.

Millions have lost power and access to clean drinking water. The need for emergency food support, medical care, and temporary shelter is high.

Hurricane Ian raged, with widespread damage in Cuba, flooding and wind damage, storm surge and in-land flooding across Florida, and flooding threatening Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

Emergency response personnel are active. Relief agencies are meeting immediate needs where they can gain access to communities hard hit by the storm. United Church of Christ partners through National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster who focus on relief are implementing their plans. Global Ministries Area Executive for Latin America Angel Luis Rivera is in touch with bilateral partners. Conference leaders and Conference Disaster Coordinators are making contact, assessing needs, and communicating with the Global H.O.P.E. team so that help can be channeled, now and for the long term.

**Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery. Donate online: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7bd3e2>**

**If you prefer, you may mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2022 Fund" in the memo section.**

## ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE

REV. DR. JOHN DORHAUER

The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, author and theologian, serves as the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. With a personal theology shaped in the passionate conviction that God is love and God is just, John has embodied the United Church of Christ's vision of "A Just World for All" throughout his ministry. He continues to call on the denomination to rethink itself and to consider new ways of being church in light of institutional religion's changing landscape, emerging shifts in the generational populations, and life after COVID. His book, *Beyond Resistance: the Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World*, is a call to the body of Christ to birth something new, vital, and relevant.



- 📅 **Saturday, November 12, 2022**
- 🕒 **9AM-12PM** (Optional Lunch: 12 - 1PM)
- 📍 In person at First Congregational Church of Hudson
- Or participate online via Zoom
- 💰 Attendance is free • Lunch provided for \$15
- 📄 Register at **[livingwaterone.org/events](https://livingwaterone.org/events)**



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