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A Service of the Word and Holy Communion



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*"You can't go back and change the beginning
but you can start where you are and change the ending"*
--CS Lewis--

We Gather In Community

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – *Betty Funk*

*Call to Worship

One: Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

Many: We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.

One: Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

Many: You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road to travel.

One: Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are stayed on loving us.

Many: We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do.

*Gathering Prayer

Unwavering One,
we are thankful for
the clarity found in you.
You welcome us
into your presence,
even when we aren't sure of our approach to you.
We delight in knowing
that even when we come stumbling over ourselves
your love is sure to pick us up and steady us.
Because you are love, you keep your promises to us.

Help us walk unwavering in the love
that helps us keep our promises too.
Amen.

***Hymn - NCH 86 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Author: Edward Caswall; 1854; alt.

Source: Katholisches Gesangbuch 1828

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Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.

Composer: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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**1 When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
One purpose I declare:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2 New strength comes night or day
when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let sin and evil fear,
when this sweet chant they hear:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3 Discordant humankind,
in this your concord find,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4 Be this, when life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song,
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

A READING OF THE WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

The selection from the Hebrew Scriptures turns toward the day of the Lord, the day of judgment, as the liturgical year turns toward Reign of Christ Sunday. The prophet Malachi prophesied

that the day would come when God's purifying fire would burn up all evildoers, so that there would be nothing left that evil could graft on to. Instead, the Sun of Righteousness would rise with healing in its wings for those who turn to God. This beautiful image conveys that God's fire of judgment is for purifying and healing, not for destruction and dismay.

4 1 The Day is coming, burning like an oven,
when all the arrogant and all the evildoers
will be stubble;
the Day that comes will burn them up,
says YHWH Omnipotent,
and it will leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But for you who revere my Name,
the sun will rise, a sun of justice,
with healing in its rays. You will go out leaping
like calves released from their stall.

Psalm Response: Psalm 98 (Responsively)

Psalm 98 is a song of thanksgiving to God for victory. God has remained faithful to the people of Israel, showing God's steadfast love, and all the earth knows God's victory. The psalmist calls upon the whole earth to make a joyful noise, to praise God. With musical instruments, and the music of the sea and floodwaters—everything is called to praise God, all of God's creation. God is the one who judges the whole earth and judges the people rightly.

98 1 Sing a new song to God,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm
have brought deliverance!
2 God has made salvation known
and shown divine justice to the nations,
3 and has remembered in truth and love
the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
4 Shout to the Most High, all the earth,
break into joyous songs of praise!
5 Sing praise to God with the harp,
with the harp and melodious singing!
6 With trumpets and the blast of the shofar,
raise a shout to God, Ruler of All.
7 Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world and all its peoples.
8 Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
9 before God, who comes to judge the earth,

**who will rule the world with justice
and its peoples with equity.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Epistle readings conclude the series in 2 Thessalonians, with an exhortation for the believers to do what is right. The writer urges the readers to keep away from those who have gone astray and have either been idle or just busybodies without doing anything to contribute to the community of faith. This was a specific concern with a specific community, and the writers urge them to consider who is working for the community of faith and living out the teachings that were passed to them and encourages the faithful to not stop doing what is right.

3 6 In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we urge you, sisters and brothers, to keep away from anyone who refuses to work and live according to the teachings we passed on to you. 7 You know how you ought to imitate us. We didn't live undisciplined lives when we were among you, 8 nor did we depend on anyone for food. Rather, we worked night and day, laboring to the point of exhaustion so as not to impose on any of you—9 not that we had no claim on you, but that we might present ourselves as an example for you to imitate. 10 Indeed, when we were with you we used to lay down the rule that anyone who didn't work didn't eat. 11 We hear that some of you are undisciplined, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. 12 We command all such people and urge you strongly in our Savior Jesus Christ, to earn the food you eat by working hard and keeping quiet. 13 My sisters and brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

These verses in Luke 21 are part of Jesus' final teachings to the disciples when he is in Jerusalem the last week of his life. While the disciples are admiring the temple, Jesus foretells that not one stone will be left. We must remember that the Gospel accounts were written after the destruction of the temple in 70 C.E., and Jesus is preparing the disciples for what is to come (therefore, the gospel writers are helping the listeners of their day understand why they must endure the troubles of their time). The disciples wonder when the destruction of the temple will take place, but Jesus assures them to not be alarmed. There will be people who will try to lead the believers astray. There will be natural disasters and wars and plagues, and even before that, persecution including trials and imprisonment. Nonetheless, Jesus assures them they will be innocent before God, and will endure for the sake of the gospel.

21 5 Some disciples were speaking of how the Temple was adorned with precious stones and votive offerings. Jesus said, 6 "You see all these things? The day will come when one stone won't be left on top of another—everything will be torn down." 7 They asked, "When will this happen, Rabbi? And what will be the sign that it's about to happen?"

8 Jesus said, "Take care not to be misled. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the One' and 'The time is at hand.' Don't follow them. 9 And don't be perturbed when you hear of wars and insurrections. These things must happen first, but the end doesn't follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and empire against empire. 11 There will be great

earthquakes, plagues and famines in various places—and in the sky there will be frightening omens and great signs. 12 But before any of this, they'll arrest you and persecute you, bringing you before synagogues and sending you to prison, bringing you to trial before rulers and governors. And it will all be because of my name—13 this will be your opportunity to give your testimony.

14 So make up your minds not to worry about your defense beforehand, 15 for I'll give you the words, and a wisdom that none of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict. 16 You'll be betrayed even by your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, and some of you will be put to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me, 18 yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. 19 By patient endurance, you'll save your lives."

Choral Response – His Name is Wonderful

Music by Audrey Mieir, 1959
Choir: Barbara Rossington and Bob Bucklew
Accompanist: Betty Funk

Reflection – By Our Endurance, We Will Save Our Souls - Rev. Scott Rosenstein

We Respond

***Prayer of Response**

God of the Hopeless, God of the Discontent, God of the Dejected and Poor, there is much in the way of shadow and death in our world, but your light shines in the shadows and bleakness.

Your words are a lamp for our feet, a light for our path. Your love is made known to us through Jesus Christ, but also through the love of one another. As much as we may want to give up, you do not give up on us. As much as we make ourselves unlovable, you still love us.

Break through the hopelessness and despair, but let it also fuel us for the work of justice.

May we not become content, but may we alleviate one another's pain by engaging in compassion and kindness. May we never give up on love, for love endures all things. You are our God, and we know you hear our prayers, our cries, our desperate sighs, and you bring us to life, again and again. Amen.

***Hymn of Response - NCH 438 When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)**

When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Author: Horatio G. Spafford, 1874; alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9 with refrain

Composer: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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**1 When peace like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

Refrain:

**It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has paid life and blood for my soul: [Refrain]**

**3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought -
my sin - not in part, but the whole -
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]**

**4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
“even so”- it is well with my soul. [Refrain]**

Invitation to Shared Our Tithes and Offerings

God is unwavering in giving to us, so let us give to God. Let us choose to bring our gifts with made up minds to foster and build the Beloved Community. Let these resources be used to steady the work of the Kin-dom. Amen.

The Offertory – *Betty Funk*

***Presentation of Offerings - The 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**

Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.

***Call to Reconciliation**

God does not take our sins and stick them up on a shelf, in order to remember them - God forgets them! God does not hold them against us, but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

***Prayer for Forgiveness**

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so tire easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

Many: This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

Choral Hymn- May the Mind of Christ Our Savior

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

COMMUNION LITURGY

A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Meal

Friends, this isn't Zion Chapel's table. It's not the United Church of Christ's table. But it's Christ's table. And because it's Christ's table, all of us are welcome here. At this table, you don't have to worship a certain way, look a certain way, or love a certain way. You don't have to believe what I believe, or what the person sitting next to you believes. You just have to come, exactly as you are, seeking the one who is seeking you. So come, all of you, not because you must, but because you may, and here find healing and wholeness for your journey.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

One: People of God, lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

One: Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.

Many: We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Leader:

It is truly right to give you thanks, God,
creator of all we know,
all that is seen and unseen.

You formed the worlds,
every star and tree and ocean the work of your hands
even us.

But more than dust and clay,
you breathed your breath into us,
made us in your image,
walked with us in the garden,
and even when death crept in,
you refused to abandon us.

You found a way.

Still, death haunted your people
in Egypt, where they faced slavery,
in the Promised Land, where they chose war,
in Babylon, where they were forced to live in exile.

Even in good times, not all flourished.
Hunger and poverty, arrogance, and greed
all threatened the life of your people.

So you sent your prophets,
to remind them to be good to each other,
and that death and war and exile never have the last word,
that you would always return
to redeem and rescue.

That there was nowhere they could go—
not even down to the pits of Sheol—
where you were not present with them.

In time you sent your Son to walk among us,
fully God, fully human,
who ate and laughed and made friends
who taught and healed and forgave sinners
who called out hypocrites
and risked safety for the sake of your kingdom
who wept when his friend Lazarus died
who knew grief and loss as we do.

Death haunted Jesus too—
he always knew it would be part of his story—
but in a single breath he moved from fearing death
to trusting you—
“ Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;
yet, not my will but yours be done.”
And so Jesus was crucified, and his friends began to grieve.
But grief only lasted three days,
because while death was part of Jesus’ story
it was not the end.

Jesus broke death’s power
because he showed us
once and for all
that God’s love is stronger than death.
Death need no longer haunt us.
It is a shadow,
fleeing before the burning light of God.

**Many: Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
and with that great multitude
no one can count,
from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages
all the ordinary saints
who have finished their race
and sing forever to the glory of your name:
“Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

Spirit, move in us,
that we might know we too are counted among the saints
God’s beloved children,
vessels of God’s grace.
We pray that we might be thankful and transformed,
so our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

One: Great is the mystery of the faith:
**Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Table Prayer

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together,
may remind us of that in ordinary things your love is found
in ordinary lives your grace is known
and in ordinary days we can find your presence.**

**Keep us breaking bread together in joy and in faith
until you return to this world you love
this earth you made, and this people you cherish.
Until that day, we lift our prayer to you,
using the words recited by all generations, saying:**

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**

The Words of Institution

Leader:

On the night before Jesus died, when he knew he would not be with his disciples much longer, he gave them a sign to remember him by.

First he took the bread from the table, and after giving thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, ^[L]~~SEP~~do this in remembrance of me.

Call to the Feast

Leader: This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.

You are invited to come forward to receive the gifts of God for the people of God

***Sharing of the Elements**

Following the sharing of the elements, return to your seats, but remaining standing, as you are able, and join in prayer:

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We thank you, God,
for inviting us to this table
where we have known the presence of Christ
and have received all Christ's gifts.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and let us show forth
your praise in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

GOING FORTH

***Parting Hymn - NCH 495 Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Author: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

Composer: John Zundel, 1855

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1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment,
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring,
to fulfill Christ's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,

reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving,
hope and confidence and peace.

***Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Now, God who cradles us in baptism's water, sends us forth,
Many: to drawn hope from God's heart and offer it to others.

One: Now, Jesus who poured the cup of grace, sends us forth,
Many: to bring food and shelter, love, and companionship to our neighbors.

One: Now the Spirit who teaches us songs of peace, sends us forth,
Many: to offer reconciliation in every broken place, to every shattered person.

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

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 or by phone at: 216-273-7561 (church) or 216-310-6810 (mobile).

**Our new website address is: zionchurchtremont.org.
Check out our website and Facebook page for updates and news!**

“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

Next Sunday, November 20th, 2022 Thanksgiving and Reign of Christ Sunday

bring our season after Pentecost and the Church Year to a close. Christ is victorious at the cross, defeating death, and calls us into a deeper way of life. With gratitude, we remember all that God has given us, and through Christ we have inherited the dominion of heaven. We prepare to turn to Advent, beginning the liturgical cycle again, as we watch and wait for signs of Christ's return in our world and in our lives in a new way.

Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch

Following worship next Sunday (November 20th), our church family is invited to join us in the Library/Social Hall for a delicious lunch of chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. At table, each person is encouraged to informally share about blessings from God during the previous year. **Our thanks to Beverly Wurm for proposing and coordinating the holiday lunch.**

Advent Sundays with Zion Church

Sunday, November 27th, 11:00am – First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4th, 11:00am – Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11th, 11:00 am – Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18th, 11:00am – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 24th, 6:30pm - Christmas Eve worship

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 589 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of November 9th. 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:

- o Patti Augustine (recovery from respiratory illness) and family
- o Robert O. Bucklew (Bob Bucklew's Dad) in Alliance, Ohio
- o Betty Funk (*our Minister of Music – anticipating upcoming surgery*)
- o Marian Heffernan (neighbor to Scott and Bob; friend of Elaine – health concerns)
- o Ken Kauffman & friends: Nim Bryant, Isadora Almaro, Joe & Janelle Reardon, and Barbara.
- o Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet
- o Keith Konet and his brother who suffered a broken humerus from an injury caused by a fallen branch.
- o Marcia Leslie (neighbor and friend – health concerns)
- o Elaine Lukacs is in the hospital with dehydration and infection - **at Southwest General Hospital ICU - Critical Care Unit E. 201.**
- o Linda and James Mortach (Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law) & Linda's daughter and James' son.
- o Patricia Matheny (prayers also for her Cousin Paul Kevin McCray)
- o Scott Rosenstein and Bob Bucklew recovering from COVID infections.
- o Barbara Rossington (move to a new senior housing community)
- o Henry Senyak (*resident community leader – cancer*)
- o 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.**
- o Beverly Wurm—***respiratory illness at home – also great grandson, Orion (4 yrs.) has undergone tests and referred to Texas Children's hospital.***

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

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.