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“And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!”

Jesus—Matthew 28:20

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**please stand as you are able,*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - *Betty Funk*

*Call to Worship

Leader: After Jesus' death and resurrection, he called the eleven to a mountaintop in Galilee and they went.

People: Let us be attentive to the voice of Jesus and bravely go when called.

Leader: Once the eleven saw Jesus some doubted but still worshipped him.

People: Let us forgive ourselves when we doubt, and remain open to understanding as we encounter Jesus.

Leader: As they worshiped, Jesus declared his authority and charged the eleven to GO to ALL people. Jesus instructed them to build community with ALL people, be willing to touch ALL people, and be willing to minister to ALL people.

People: Let us bravely Go to All people especially those society often tries to ignore.

Leader: Jesus instructed the eleven to use their voices, their stories, and their authentic truth as a witness to those to whom they ministered.

People: Let us stand in authenticity empowered by the Holy Spirit as we bravely share our story to help others find the love of Jesus.

Leader: Jesus assured the eleven to remember that he would always be with them.

All: Let us bravely live, work, and GO in authenticity as we do the work of connecting people with the Love of Jesus. Let us remember that Jesus' love, peace, and hope is always with us. Amen.

***Invocation --Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession)**

Loving God, often in our quest to do the work that we are called to do we miss the mark. At times we doubt even as we worship. Sometimes in the same day that we offer gratitude for answered prayers and blessings received we think thoughts of apprehension and utter words of uncertainty concerning those same blessings.

Occasionally we forget that the peace, love, hope, and joy of the Divine extends beyond the walls of our churches and the hearts of those who identify as Christians. Frequently we forget how the Divine and Jesus have moved in our own lives.

Help us to push through our doubt. Help us to move past our selfishness and fear of “other people.” Help us to truly love our neighbors as ourselves—all of our neighbors.

Please change our hearts God. Please help us to muster the bravery to put into practice the light and love of Jesus. Help us to love boldly without hesitation.

All humans are worthy of experiencing the Love of Christ. Please change our hearts and minds. Please show us how to love all.

We confess that we get it wrong all the time and we pray that you help us to do better.

***Hymn – NCH 275 - Come Now, Almighty God**

Come Now, Almighty God

Author: Anon. English, c. 1757; alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.5.6.6.6.5

Composer: Felice de Giardini, 1769

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**1 Come now, Almighty God,
help us your name to laud;
our songs we raise:
Ruler all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!**

**2 Come now, Incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend;
Come, and your people bless,
and give your word success;
grant us your holiness,
Savior and Friend!**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Your grace to us impart,**

now rule in every heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of power!

4 To you, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
for evermore.
Your sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore

A READING OF THE WORD

A Note about Trinity Sunday and Language about God

On Trinity Sunday we remember with solemnity and praise the foundation in which we live and worship throughout the year. Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost. We are invited to encounter God as Three in One. The use of the Triune formula connects the church today with the historic church, born in the struggle of Christians throughout generations to express their beliefs about God in God's Very Being. The language ties together the churches of this generation in our ecumenical life, especially in the Sacrament of Baptism. The traditional language for the Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For many, however, the traditional language is a hindrance to the intimacy of their relationship with God. They note in particular that the tradition incorporates only male language for God, and seek to incorporate other images, which point to broader understandings of the substance and characteristics of the Holy Mystery, which is our Triune God. "Giver, Gift, and Holy Spirit"; "Maker, Lover, Keeper"; "Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit"; "Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of All" - are some other Trinitarian images drawn from prayerful, scriptural reflection.

The Trinity is a mystery, as is the work of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom among us. "The fear of God is the beginning of understanding," Psalm 110:10 teaches us, but fear is better translated here as "awe." It is that trembling sense of awe at the might and wonder of God. This is the beginning of wisdom. This is the beginning of our understanding of God as three-in-one, Triune. It is a mystery how God created the universe, how God became known to us in the person of Jesus Christ, and how God moves in and within us in the work of the Spirit. It is a mystery that we can come to know God through history and teaching and Scripture, but also through nature, and our own experience that leads us to understanding.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

On Trinity Sunday, we begin with the first story of Creation in Genesis, where God refers to themselves in the plural, creating everything, including all of humanity. There is a sense of equality and equilibrium in God's intentions for creation, and that humanity's dominion over the earth is mirrored in God's dominion over everything, for in the image of God, God created humanity. Even with the creation of Sabbath, there is a balance of work and rest. Light and dark, sky and water, dry earth and

plants, sun and moon/stars, creatures of the water and creatures of the sky, then creatures of the land and human beings. The work of creation also happens when resting and finding joy in it. While the primary focus of God in this text is of God the Creator, there is also the wind from God that swept over the waters, often thought of as the Holy Spirit. And perhaps in creating humanity in the image of God, as Christians, we can imagine Christ present already (John 1:1-5; see also Proverbs 8:22-31 for Wisdom's presence at the beginning of creation).

1 1 IN THE BEGINNING God created
the heavens
and the earth.

2 But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.† 3 Then God said, “Light: Be!” and light was. 4 God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. 5 God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

6 Then God said, “Now, make an expanse between the waters! Separate water from water!” So it was: 7 God made the expanse and separated the water above the expanse from the water below it. 8 God called the expanse “Sky.” Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

9 Then God said, “Waters under the sky: be gathered into one place! Dry ground: appear!” So it was. 10 God called the dry ground “Earth” and the gathering of the waters “Sea.” And God saw that this was good. 11 Then God said, “Earth: produce vegetation—plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its own seed in it!” So it was: 12 the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed, and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And God saw that this was good.

13 Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

14 Then God said, “Now, let there be lights in the expanse of the sky! Separate day from night! Let them mark the signs and seasons, days and years, 15 and serve as luminaries in the sky, shedding light on the earth.” So it was: 16 God made the two great lights, the greater one to illumine the day, and a lesser to illumine the night. Then God made the stars as well, 17 placing them in the expanse of the sky, to shed light on the earth, 18 to govern both day and night, and separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good. 19 Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

20 God then said, “Waters: swarm with an abundance of living beings! Birds: fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky!” And so it was: 21 God created great sea monsters and all sorts of swimming creatures with which the waters are filled, and all kinds of birds. God saw that this was good 22 and blessed them, saying, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the waters of the seas! Birds, abound on the earth!”

23 Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

24 Then God said, “Earth: bring forth all kinds of living soul—cattle, things that crawl, and wild animals of all kinds!” So it was: 25 God made all kinds of wild animals, and cattle, and everything that crawls on the ground, and God saw that this was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.”

Humankind was created as God’s reflection:
in the divine image God created them;
female and male, God made them.

28 God blessed them and said, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!”²⁹ God then told them, “Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; ³⁰ and to all the animals of the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all the green plants for food.” So it was. ³¹ God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

2 ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. ² On the seventh day God had finished all the work of creation, and so, on that seventh day, God rested. ³ God blessed the seventh day and called it sacred, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm Response: Psalm 8 (Responsively)

Psalm 8 is a song of praise to God, a song full of wisdom in asking the ancient question, “who are we compared to almighty God?” The psalmist looked up at the stars and asked the same question we often do—in the vastness of the universe, what are human beings? Yet God has made us a little lower than divine. God has given us dominion over the earth the way God has dominion over us. If we are to “fear God”—which is better understood as trembling awe—then we will do our very best in caring for creation the way God cares for us. God is Sovereign over all the earth.

8 ¹ God, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!
You have placed your glory above the heavens!

2 **From the lips of infants and children
you bring forth words of power and praise,
to answer your adversaries
and to silence the hostile and vengeful.**

³ When I behold your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place—

4 **what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?
Who are we that you should care for us?**

⁵ You have made us barely less than God,
and crowned us with glory and honor.

**6 You have made us responsible
for the works of your hands,
putting all things at our feet—**

7 all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.**

9 God, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

These are the final verses of this letter, in which the apostle Paul encourages the church in Corinth to listen to what he has said, especially on the financial appeal for the church in Jerusalem, and to live in peace. His final benediction also includes one of the few instances of Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit listed together in a blessing, fitting for this Trinity Sunday.

13 11 And now, sisters and brothers, I must say goodbye. Mend your ways. Encourage one another. Live in harmony and peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. 13 All the holy ones send greetings to you.

14 The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ and the love of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The Gospel lesson is known as the Great Commission, the final message from Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew. Even as the disciples experienced the risen Christ, some doubted, yet Jesus called all of them to go into the world and make disciples. Disciple means student. They, and we, are to go into the world to teach everything that Jesus taught us. Far too often that message has been simplified into a message of being saved from sin and hell for eternal life, rather than how we are to live in this world—as last of all, servant of all, working as peacemakers, loving our neighbor as ourselves, and so on. Jesus taught them to baptize in the name of Abba God/Creator, Christ the Son/the Only Begotten, and the Holy Spirit, and to remember that he is always with us, until the end of time.

28 16 The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. 17 At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. 18 Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

“All authority has been given me
both in heaven and on earth;
19 go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
Baptize them in the name
of Abba God,
and of the Only Begotten,

and of the Holy Spirit.
20 Teach them to carry out
everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always,
even until the end of the world!"

Choral Response – His Name is Wonderful

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

Reflection – The Transformative Beauty of the Triune God - by the Rev. Scott Rosenstein

WE RESPOND

***Prayer of Response**

Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

O Holy One we sing your praise, and on this Trinity Sunday we sing and pray in the metaphor we know best to describe you.

Yet we know our words are inadequate to capture the fullness of your being, of your majestic work in creation. Your thoughts are beyond our comprehension. The words of Scripture are still not enough to tell your whole story, but they do tell us enough: we are to love.

We are to love one another, love this earth that you made and care for it as we care for ourselves, and we are to love you.

Guide us into ways of care instead of harm. Teach us how to live out your loving-kindness with one another and ourselves.

**Keep us to your ways as taught by Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, now and always.
Amen.**

***Hymn – NCH 11 - Bring Many Names vv. 1, 2, 3, & 6**

Bring Many Names

Author: Brian Wren, 1989.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9

Composer: Carlton Young, 1989

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**1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!**

**2 Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!**

**3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!**

**6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!**



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Andrei Rublev: Hospitality of Abraham, 1400; Andrei Rublev's famous icon of the Trinity

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***Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings**

God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to minister to others. As Jesus gathered the eleven and sent them into the world to share their witness and wisdom— Christ is calling us to gather our gifts and offer them to God in worship. Let us gather our gifts and worship through our generosity.

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 offer these gifts to the God of all people. We cheerfully give our treasure to bring love, peace, hope, joy, justice, and healing to those who are hurting. May these gifts be blessed and used to provide ministry for those who are too often forgotten in our society. Let the generosity represented here be magnified and amplified to stretch beyond our mortal thought and imagination.

***Call to Reconciliation**

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

***Prayer for Forgiveness**

We have been created for goodness by you, Artist of all things, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us.

But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.

Silent prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

All: The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

Choir Hymn – NCH 293 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Author: Doris Akers, 1962; Alt.

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Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Composer: Doris Akers, 1962

Choir: Bob Bucklew, Keith Konet, & Barbara Rossington

Accompanist and Choir Director: Betty Funk

COMMUNION LITURGY
A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(We pause to invite those at home who have not already prepared elements to do so.
Even an English muffin can become a sacrament, even a cup of water or tea
can become a remembrance of God's redeeming love)*

Invitation

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: I pray God in Community be with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: May the Holy Three who are One be in your hearts.

Many: May we be filled with imagination, with words, with life itself.

One: Let us sing our praises to God who makes us one with all people.

Many: We join all creation in singing glad songs to our God.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

One:

You poured your imagination into chaos,
stirring all your dreams and hopes and,
placing them on that palette called your heart,
began to paint on the blank canvas of creation,
azure for clear morning skies,
bright yellows for marigolds,
deep green for grass in the meadows,
red and orange tickling lazy sunsets.
Simply, faithfully, graciously, all
was offered to those created in your image,
but we preferred the absence of color in sin,
and would paint our lives in death's greyness.
You sent prophets and artists,
singers and poets, to point us
back to your beauty and art,
but we preferred the bleak mirages

offered by temptation and foolishness.
Finally, you appealed to your Word
to bring us the good news
of your salvation heart.

With those who see and worship,
as well as those who doubt and despair,
we offer our praise to you:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy are you, Majestic Name.
All creation joins in praising your goodness and wonder.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who is with us to the end.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**One: As we struggle to understand such a gift,
as we seek to live such faithfulness,
we live in that mystery called faith:**

**Many: Christ died, your Word silenced by the world;
Christ was raised, your Word singing of resurrection joy;
Christ will come, the Word who will call us home to you.**

***Table Prayer**

**Like a storm, you blew over creation's oceans;
with a gust, you blow open our shuttered souls;
with a light breath, you give us life, so now,
Breath of God, Spirit of all that exists,
touch the simple gifts of the bread and the cup
with the sacredness of your peace,
and stir us all from our fear and apathy.
The bread which is broken is filled with your strength,
so that we can go and offer freedom to those imprisoned,
so that we can breathe hope into our struggling neighborhoods,
so that we can be peace for an angry world.
The cup is never drained of your grace,
so that we may silence all hatred,
so that we might put evil in the past,
so that we might renew your fragile creation.**

**And when we are gathered in that place
to which you will direct us at the end of time,
we will join with our siblings
in forever praising your glory, your love,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

***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,
forever.
Amen.**

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Leader: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:
"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And pouring the wine:
"This is my blood, spilled out for you. 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.

***Sharing of the Elements**

Leader:
Let us in our places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison:
We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader:
Let us in our places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison:
We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Thank you, Divine Spirit,
for this meal of remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.
May the love we find at this table
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in the words we speak
and in the things we do.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

***Parting Hymn – NCH 277 – Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Author: Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

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Tune: NICA EA 11.12.12.10

Composer: John B. Dykes, 1861

Composer (Descant): David McK. Williams, 1948

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**1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Created and called to be faithful stewards,
we are sent forth by our God.

**Many: We will take all that is good to places of brokenness,
all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.**

One: Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples,
we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

**Many: We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us,
to every person who will bless us.**

One: Called and filled with the very breath of peace,
we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

**Many: We will join the Spirit in bring life where there is fear,
in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.**

One: And now,
may the peace of creation's Imagination,
the peace of grace's Word,
the peace of hope's Spirit,
and the deep, deep peace
of God in Community, Holy in One,
be with you this day and for always. Amen.

***Postlude - Betty Funk**

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Beverly began a part-time position with us. She is keeping some limited Office Hours at church (2700 W.14th) /home. The days and hours are:

Monday – 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – 10am-2 pm

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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://tinyurl.com/yc6aesk4>



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://shorturl.at/efijp>

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.

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
- 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 Turkey and Syria: more than 50,000 people have died following two devastating earthquakes. Hopes of finding people alive have dimmed and experts fear the toll could rise sharply. Turkish authorities say some 13.5 million people have been affected in an area spanning roughly 280 miles from Adana in the west to Diyarbakir in the east, and 186 miles from Malatya in the north to Hatay in the south. At least 44,374 deaths have been reported in Turkey, while 5,800 951 people have died in Syria. 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.
- The people of California profoundly impacted by the atmospheric rivers, flooding rains and winter storms and snow. 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 265 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of May 31st, 2023. In 2022 a total of 648 mass shootings. In 2021 a total of 693 mass shooting incident 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 and various variant surges: 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(health concerns) and family. Patti's brother Dave is recovering from recent open-heart surgery.
 - Robert O. Bucklew (*Bob Bucklew's Dad*) is at Mapleridge Senior Living Willoughby, oh.
 - Betty Funk (*our Minister of Music*) receiving care in a medical rehab unit.
 - Marian Heffernan (*neighbor to Scott and Bob; friend of Elaine – health concerns*)
 - Ken Kauffman & friends: Nim Bryant, Isadora Almaro, Joe & Janelle Reardon, Barbara Reed, Nancy Moore's sister has passed away.
 - Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet - *prayers for recovery.*
 - Keith Konet and family.
 - Marcia Leslie (*neighbor and friend – health concerns*)
 - The family and loved ones of Elaine Lukacs.
 - Linda and James Mortach (*Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law*) & Linda's daughter
 - Patricia Matheny (*prayers for her Cousin Paul Kevin*) Prayers for her family at the loss of her brother Keith Matheny who grew up in the Zion Church. Also the loss of a dear friend Craig Lucas.
 - Barbara Rossington (*move to a new senior housing community*)Prayers for Barbs cousin Robert for upcoming tests and procedures.
 - Henry Senyak (*resident community leader – cancer*)
 - Debbie Webb
 - Beverly Wurm- Fathers last living sister --Aunt Norma under hospice care in Illinois-Cancer- and Norma's oldest daughter, Debbie, is receiving treatment for cancer.