

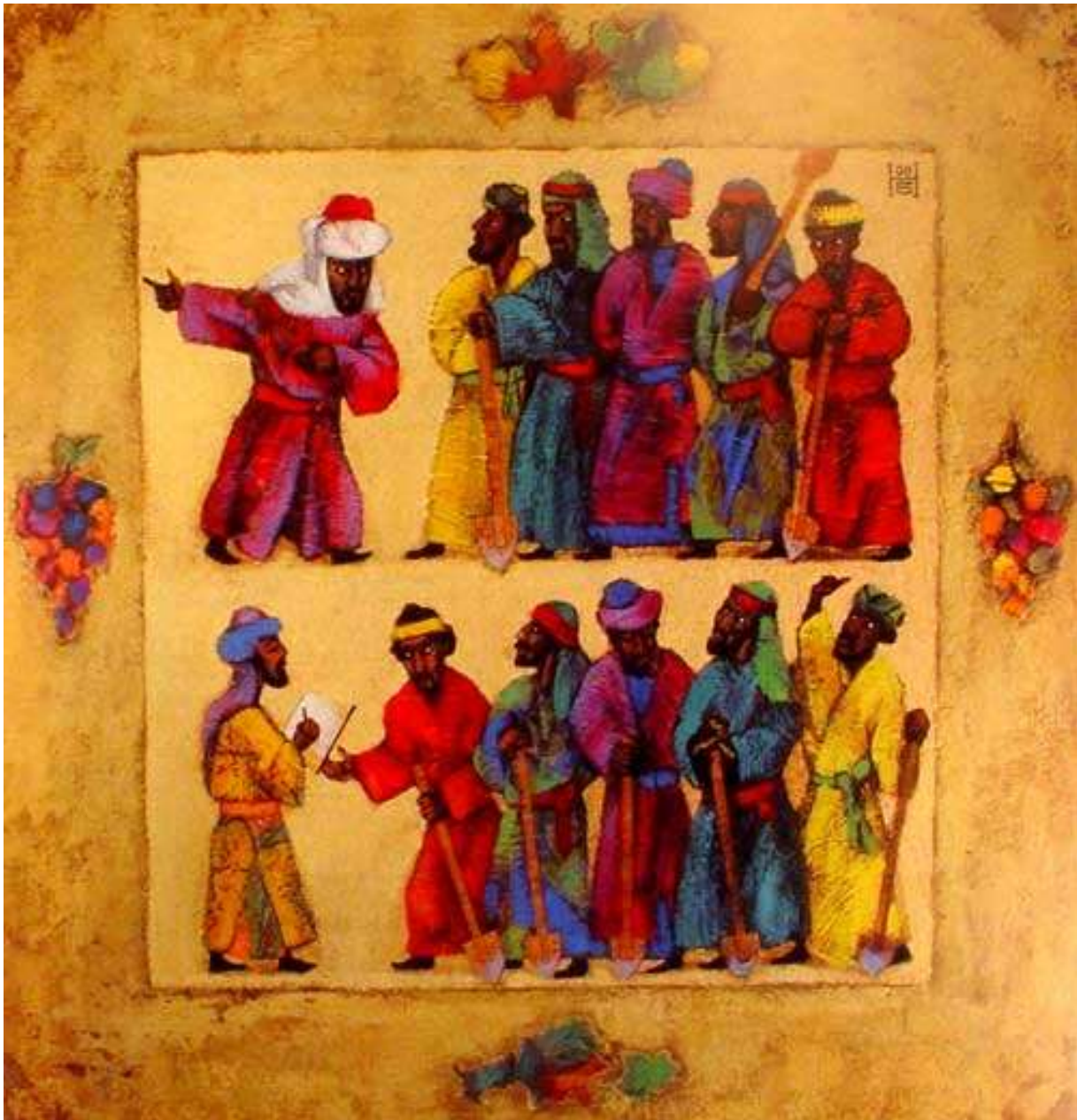
ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF TREMONT

September 24th, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost

(Pentecost 17/Trinity 16/Ordinary 25-A)

A Service of the Word



“The Workers in the Vineyard”

by Kazakhstan artist Nelly Bube

http://pericope.org/buls-notes/images/workers_in_vineyard.jpg



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WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Adam Petrosino

***Call to Worship** *(Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)*

One: Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

One: Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

Many: This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next generation of the Holy One’s magnificent and mighty acts.

One: Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

**Many: We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness, and holy love of our God.
Praise the Holy One!**

***Invocation**

**Mighty God,
we enter your presence
with thanksgiving and hope.
You have formed us
as your people.
You join us on the journey of life
through valleys,
upon mountains, and on the plains.**

We set our attention
and seek your wisdom,
encouragement, and grace.
Reveal your will
and display your glory
among your people
as we worship
your holy name.
Amen.

***Hymn – NCH – 422 – Come, O Thankful People, Come**

Come, O Thankful People, Come

Author (st. 2): Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

Author (st. 1): Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Author (st. 3): composite of Alford and Barbauld, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

Composer: George J. Elvey, 1858

Composer (descant): H. A. Chambers, 1931

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**1 Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in
as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker does provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

**2 All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'er flowing stores.**

**3 These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

A READING OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

The reading from the Hebrew scriptures is from the book of Jonah. The most successful prophet in all the Hebrew scriptures, Jonah is upset that God changed God's mind and did not destroy Nineveh, the capital of Israel's bitter enemy, the Assyrian empire - because the people of Nineveh repented and turned back to God. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh to begin with, and now that God brought him all the way here, God isn't even going to destroy the people for their disobedience. God is full of mercy and love, and Jonah is so upset about it that he'd rather die. God questions Jonah as to whether he has a right to be angry. God then causes a bush to grow and shade Jonah from the heat, but also appoints a worm to attack the bush so it died. Jonah again wanted to die because of the heat, and because the bush died. The final words of this story are from God: God challenges Jonah's right to be angry over the bush as a metaphor for being angry at what happened in Nineveh. God's concern is for creation and for all the people; Jonah's inconvenience at being called to Nineveh is like his inconvenience with the bush dying. Jonah has no control over those things. Jonah, however, can control his own actions and reactions. Jonah is feeling his big feelings and missing the whole picture, of an entire community, including all the animals, saved from destruction.

3 10 God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

4:1 But Jonah grew indignant and fell into a rage. 2 He prayed to YHWH and said, "Please, YHWH! Isn't this exactly what I said would happen when I was still in my own country? That's why I left and fled to Tarshish: I knew that you were a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness, relenting from violence. 3 Now, YHWH, please take my life! I'd rather be dead than keep on living!"

4 Then YHWH said, "What gives you the right to be angry?"

5 Jonah then left the city and sat down to the east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat down under the shade to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then YHWH God sent a castor oil plant to grow up over Jonah to shade his head and soothe his indignation. Jonah was delighted with the castor oil plant. 7 But at dawn the next day, God sent a worm to attack the castor oil plant and it withered. 8 And after the sun had risen, God sent a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he was overcome and begging for death, and said, "I'd rather be dead than keep on living!"

9 God said to Jonah, "What gave you the right to be upset about the castor plant?" He replied, "I have every right to be angry, to the point of death!"

10 God replied, "You feel sorrow because of a castor plant that cost you no labor, that you did not make grow, that sprouted in a night, and that perished in a night. 11 Is it not right, then, for me to feel sorrow for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, to say nothing of all the animals?"

Psalm Response: Psalm 145:1-8 (Responsively)

These verses in Psalm 145 are the first part of an alphabetic acrostic poem in Hebrew, in which each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. In these first eight verses, the psalmist blesses and praises God, declaring God's greatness from generation to generation, and concludes this section with an ancient confession in verse 8, repeated in Jonah 4 and from Exodus 34:6: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

1 I will extol you, my God, my Ruler,
and I will bless your Name forever and ever!

**2 Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your Name forever and ever!**

3 Great you are, God, and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unfathomable.

**4 Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your mighty deeds;**

5 they'll speak of the splendor
of your glorious majesty,
and I will meditate on your wondrous acts.

**6 They'll discourse of the power
of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

7 they'll celebrate the fame
of your abundant goodness,
and I will joyfully sing of your justice.

**8 God, you are gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

The Epistle readings (Christian letters) begin a four-week series in the book of Philippians with these verses in chapter 1. The apostle Paul begins this section of his letter with an acknowledgement that he lives for Christ, but that in death he will gain the resurrection. Paul desires to be with Christ in resurrection, but he knows that it is necessary for him to live now and continue to witness, especially to the church in Philippi (a city in northeastern Greece). Paul encourages this church, though he is in prison, to continue to live their lives in a manner worthy of Christ. Paul knows their struggles and sufferings living in the Roman Empire as believers in Christ.

1 21 For to me, "life" means Christ; hence, dying is only so much gain. 22 If, on the other hand, I am to continue living on earth, that means productive toil for me—and I honestly don't know which I prefer. 23 I'm strongly attracted to both: I long to be freed from this life and to be with Christ, for that is the far better thing; 24 yet it's more urgent that I remain alive for your sakes. 25 This fills me with the confidence that I will stay with you and persevere with you all, for the sake of your joy and your progress in the faith. 26 My being with you once again should make you even prouder of me in Christ.

27 Conduct yourselves, then, in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ. If you do, whether I come and see you myself or hear about your behavior from a distance, it will be clear that you're standing firm in unity of spirit and exerting yourselves with one accord for the faith of the Gospel, 28 without being intimidated by your enemies. Standing together without fear is an indication that they will be destroyed, and you will be saved. It's a divine signal that God—29 on behalf of our Savior—has given you the privilege of believing in and suffering for Christ. 30 You're now experiencing the same struggle that you saw in me—and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

This reading in Matthew 20 contains a parable of Jesus about a landowner who went out and hired workers to work in his vineyard throughout the day. At the end of the day, he paid those who only worked one hour just as much as those who had worked all day. Parables always have layers. On the surface, the lesson is that life is not fair, and those who come to believe late in life are as worthy as those who have believed their whole life. The justice concern is that all receive a daily wage to meet their daily needs. One of the workers who worked all day complains that those who only worked one hour were made equal. The landowner in turn reminds the worker that he is allowed to do what he wants with what belongs to him, and questions if the worker is jealous of his generosity. Perhaps a deeper level of the parable is to explore what it means to be generous, or what it means to understand there is enough for everyone. The systems of the world work to pit workers against each other, but God shows us there is enough for everyone.

20 1 “The kin-dom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. 2 After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard. 3 “About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, 4 and said to them, ‘You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.’ 5 At that they left.

“Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. 6 Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’

7 “ ‘No one has hired us,’ they replied. “The owner said, ‘You go to my vineyard, too.’

8 “When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, ‘Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.’ 9 When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day’s pay, 10 and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage.

11 “Thereupon they complained to the owner, 12 ‘This last group did only an hour’s work, but you’ve put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.’

13 “ ‘My friends,’ said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, ‘I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn’t you? 14 Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you.

15 I’m free to do as I please with my money, aren’t I? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

16 “Thus the last will be first and the first will be last.”

Choral Response – NCH 283 – Spirit of the Living God

*Author and Composer: Daniel Iverson, 1926
© 1935, 1963 Birdwing Music (A Div. of the Sparrow Corp.)
Choir: Keith Konet, Barbara Rossington, and Bob Bucklew
Accompanist: Adam Petrosino*

Reflection – The Scandalous Goodness of God - Rev. Scott Rosenstein

WE RESPOND

***Prayer of Response**

God of Creation, we give you thanks for all the biodiversity you have woven upon our earth. You have created us to be part of an interdependent web of life.

We have forgotten this, O God, far too often. We misuse and overuse our earth and do not remember that we share this planet, not only with seven billion other children of God, but billions of species you made with intention to share the air and water and food you gave all of us.

Call us into accountability and to do our part to make changes that benefit your creation, personally as well as collectively.

Guide us in our civic duty to hold our elected officials accountable, for you gave us only one planet to live on and we are called to be good stewards.

Remind us of this sacred charge and send us to live into your justice for creation; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn – NCH 547 – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound vv. 1, 2, 3, & 4**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Author (st. 1-4): John Newton, 1779; alt.
Tune: AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN) C.M.
Arranger: Edwin O. Excell
Source: Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
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**1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 My God has promised good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings

Philippians 1:27 encourages us to “Conduct yourselves, then, in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ. If you do, whether I come and see you myself or hear about your behavior from a distance, it will be clear that you’re standing firm in unity of spirit and exerting yourselves with one accord for the faith of the Gospel.” May we live generous lives that reflect the fullness of the gospel, unity of the spirit, and faith in our God and God’s church.

The Offertory – *Adam Petrosino*

***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**

Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kin-dom. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

***Parting Hymn – NCH 419 – Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)**

Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)

Author: Martin Rinkart, 1647

Translator: Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.

Composer: Johann Crüger, 1647

Harmonizer: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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**1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms,
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too,
our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore.
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Now go to be with those forgotten by the world.

All: We will share God's constant love with everyone.

One: Now go to be generous with those around you
as well as those far away.

**All: We will share Jesus' justice and hope
with all who need it.**

One: Now go to live as faithful people.

**All: We will join the Spirit in standing side by side
with those who are lonely and afraid. Amen.**

***Postlude - Adam Petrosino**

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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!

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

Questions: Contact Keith Konet at 330.604.6939

Welcome to Adam D. Petrosino, Our New Music Director/Pianist

Adam is a collaborative Music Director and Pianist with more than 20 years' professional experience performing, leading, and selecting musical hymns for regular, holiday, and special music for Sunday worship services. He most recently served as the Pianist (Transitional) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Talmadge, Ohio. He has previously served as a Music Director and Pianist, at churches in Akron and Mantua – including Trinity United Church of Christ, Akron, Ohio. Adam is pursuing a M.S.N., Nursing degree course through Herzing University, Minneapolis, which he expects to complete in April 2025.

Adam also holds Bachelors' degrees in in Biology and Psychology as well as master's degrees in Business Administration and Public Health.

We are so pleased to welcome Adam, and his partner, Kiel, to our community of faith here at Zion United Church of Christ of Tremont, Cleveland, Ohio. We're grateful to you sharing your presence, faith, and musical gifts with us.

Adam can be reached by e-mail at A.D.Petrosino@gmail.com and by phone at 234.205.9397.

Administrative Assistant, Beverly Wurm

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:

New Summer Schedule :

Tuesday– 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – 10am-2 pm

Thursday – 9am – 1pm

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

or 216-310-6810 (mobile).

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.

Responding to Wildfires on the Islands



D O N A T E

Hawai'i 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund

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We are working with our churches on Maui to distribute funds to those in need in devastated areas.

We are
praying
with Maui.



www.hcucc.org

Read more in a UCC News Digest story: "Amid wildfires devastation, UCC makes appeal for Hawaii" - <https://www.ucc.org/amid-wildfires-devastation-ucc-makes-appeal-for-hawaii/>

We are grateful for the gracious generosity of all who are donating to the Hawai'i 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund. Immediate assistance is already being distributed to those in need through our local UCC churches and related channels. **The United Church of Christ Global H.O.P.E. team is launching an appeal to provide support for victims of the wildfires in addition to the appeal of the Hawai'i Conference UCC.**

We encourage all UCC folks outside of Hawai'i to give through Global H.O.P.E. by going to: <https://support.ucc.org/hawaii-wildfires>.

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 the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. We also pray for

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. 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.
- We pray as well for the people of Vermont, upstate New York, and the Canadian province of Nova Scotia affected by catastrophic flooding.
- In early August 2023, a series of wildfires broke out in the U.S. state of Hawai'i. Affecting the island of Maui, and to a lesser extent Hawai'i (also known as the Big Island), the wind-driven fires prompted evacuations, caused widespread damage, and killed at least 96 people in the town of Lahaina. The proliferation of the wildfires was attributed to dry, gusty conditions created by a strong high-pressure area north of Hawaii and Hurricane Dora to the south. By August 9, the state government of Hawaii issued a state of emergency for the entirety of the state. On August 10, President Biden issued a federal major disaster declaration. The typical area burned by wildfires in Hawaii has increased in recent decades, almost quadrupling. Experts blame the increase on the spread of non-native vegetation and hotter, drier weather.
- On September 8, 2023 an earthquake with a moment magnitude of 6.8–6.9 struck Morocco's Marrakesh–Safi region. The earthquake's epicentre was located 45.6 miles southwest of Marrakesh, in the Atlas Mountains. At least 2,946 deaths were reported, with most occurring outside Marrakesh. Damage was widespread, and historic landmarks in Marrakesh were destroyed. The earthquake was also felt in Spain, Portugal, and Algeria. It is the strongest instrumentally recorded earthquake in Morocco, the deadliest in the country since the 1960 Agadir earthquake, and the second-deadliest earthquake of 2023 after the Turkey–Syria earthquake. A total of over 2.7 million people from Marrakesh and areas surrounding the Atlas Mountains were affected, including 100,000 children.
- On Monday, September 11, 2023 heavy rainfall brought by Storm Daniel caused two dams to burst in the city of Derna, Libya destroying entire neighborhoods as well as major roads and bridges. Officials estimate that over 6,000 people have died while thousands more are missing. Tens of thousands of people have also been displaced and the damage is so severe that there is no prospect of going back home. Years of civil war, corruption and institutional neglect left residents of the North African state at the mercy of Mediterranean storm Daniel's extreme weather. While the water brought death to Derna in a devastating and sudden rush for many residents, the floods were preceded by a litany of unheeded warnings. But years went by as cautionary reports piled up and restoration efforts either failed to get off the ground or were abandoned in the chaos of civil war. And all of it only highlights a glaring issue facing the world: The effects of climate change are making acute weather phenomena like Daniel more

frequent, placing additional stress on flawed structures — and states. Climate change is increasing weather extremes, stresses infrastructure and makes management and preparation all the more important. Timely prediction of the storm and a response like the swift opening of the dam gates might have helped prevent such a disaster, experts said. But failing to identify the threat to Derna despite all the warnings was the ultimate failing.

- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive a total of 506 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of September 20th, 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 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 residing at Mapleridge Senior Living Willoughby, OH. Robert recently celebrated his 91st Birthday.
 - The family and loved ones of Betty Funk.
 - Marian Heffernan (*neighbor to Scott and Bob – 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 (*friend – health concerns*)
 - The family and loved ones of Elaine Lukacs.
 - Patricia Matheny and family (*including prayers for her Cousin Paul Kevin McCray*).
 - *Our new Music Director, Adam Petrosino, and his partner, Kiel.*
 - Barbara Rossington (*Prayers for Barb's cousin, Robert, for tests and procedures*).
 - The family, loved ones, and friends of Henry Senyak.
 - Debbie Webb (*continued prayers*)
 - Beverly Wurm (*prayers for family*) *Great Granddaughter Ada born on 9/11.*