

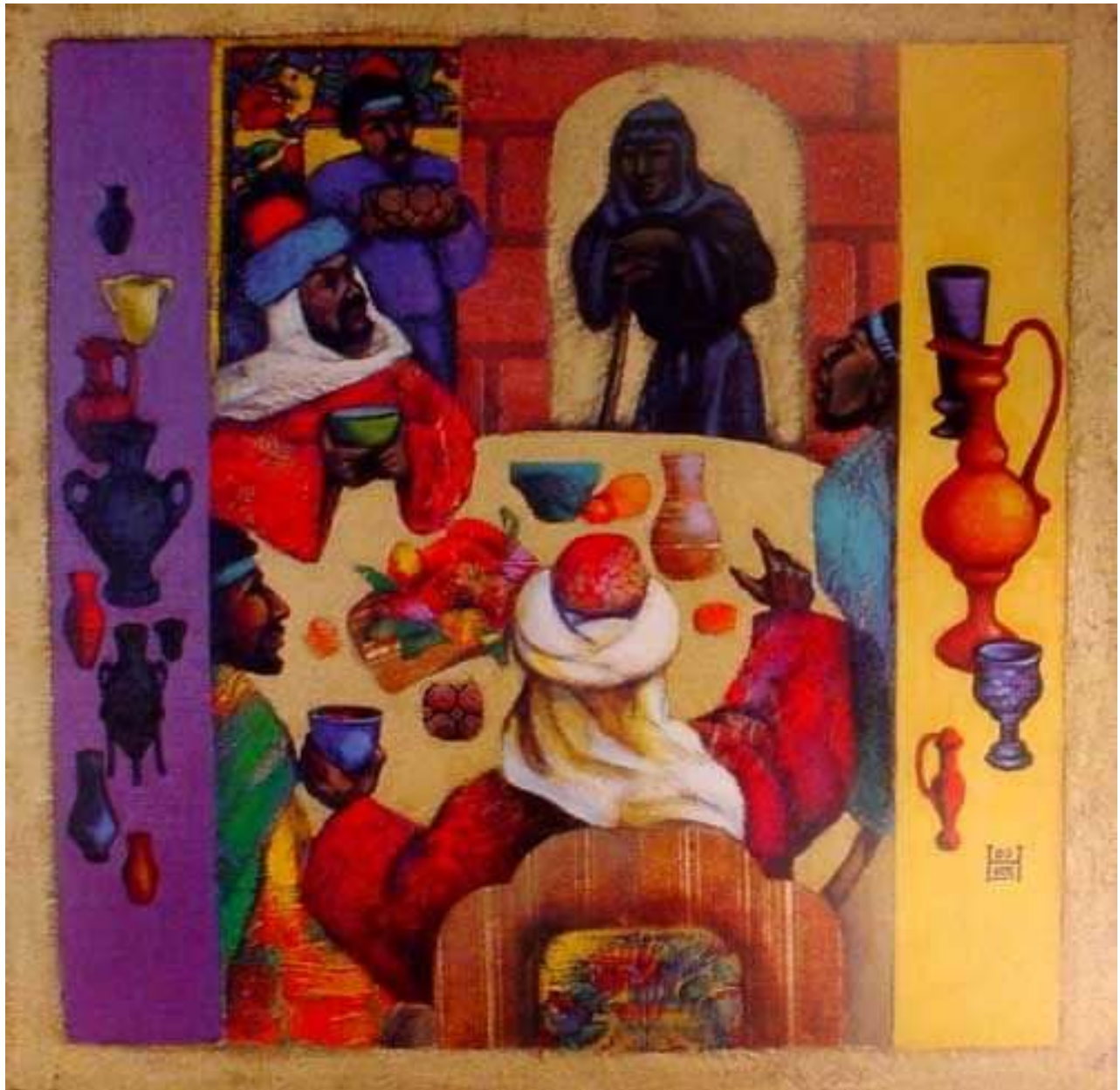
ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF TREMONT

October 15th, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

(Pentecost 20/Trinity 19/Ordinary 28A)

A Service of the Word



The Wedding Feast

by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube

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“God welcomes all people into God’s family, if only we are willing to believe and accept the free gift of salvation.”
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WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Adam Petrosino

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 106)

Leader: Let’s thank God, for God is good.

All: God’s love endures forever.

Leader: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of God or fully declare God’s praise?

All: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. Our God is worthy of our praise!

Leader: Remember us, O God, when you show favor to your people that we may enjoy your blessings.

All: Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love and abundant grace. Amen!

***Invocation**

**Lord Jesus,
we gather to worship you today
with hearts full of joy and appreciation
for the beauty of your diversity
and extravagant welcome.
We invite your Holy Spirit to this space
to celebrate your goodness and presence
in our gathering time together.
Prepare our hearts to receive
what you have for us today.
Amen!**

***Hymn - NCH 506 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

A READING OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

The Hebrew Scripture reading turns to the prophet Isaiah. This is a psalm praising God for delivering the people from their oppression, especially the most vulnerable, those who are poor and in need, covered in God's protection and shelter. In an apocalyptic vision, heaven and earth come together on the mountain of God, with a rich banquet for all the people. God will destroy death and wipe away the tears from those who mourn. God will at last save the people from all oppression, including death.

25 1 YHWH, you are my God—

I exalt you! I praise your Name!
For you do marvelous things,
planned long ago with steadfast faithfulness.

2 You turned cities into dump heaps,
fortified cities into rubble;
strongholds of foreigners are no more,
never to be rebuilt.

3 It is for this reason
that those who are powerful honor you,
and cities of ruthless people fear you.

4 Yet you are a refuge to poor people
refuge to those in need in their distress,
shelter in the storm,
shade from the heat—
for the breath of those who are ruthless
is like an ice storm

5 or a scorching drought.
You subdue the roar of the enemy,
and the mantra of tyrants is stilled.

6 On this mountain,
YHWH Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of fine wines,
food rich and succulent,
and fine, aged wines.

7 On this mountain God will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
the shroud covering all nations,

8 destroying all death forever.
God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek,
and will take away the shame

of God's people on earth, wherever they live.

YHWH has spoken.

9 On that Day it will be said,

“This is our God,

this is the One for whose liberation we waited,

YHWH is the One in whom we had hoped!

We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance,

Psalm Response: Psalm 23 (Responsively)

Psalm 23 is the Shepherd's Psalm, long attributed to David the shepherd-ruler. The psalmist sings of how God cares for them like a shepherd cares for their sheep—leading them to nourishing green pastures and cool waters, restoring their soul like one tends to the needs of the sheep. Even when oppression and death close in, the psalmist has no fear because God is with them, present like a shepherd with their staff. God prepares the table for the psalmist even before their enemies, anointing them and overflowing their cup, and they know God's presence and goodness and kindness will be with them always.

23 1 God, you are my shepherd—

I want nothing more.

2 You let me lie down in green meadows;

you lead me beside restful waters:

3 you refresh my soul. You guide me to lush pastures

for the sake of your Name.

4 Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of Death,

I fear no danger, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff—

they give me courage.

5 You spread a table for me

in the presence of my enemies,

and you anoint my head with oil—

my cup overflows!

6 Only goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in your house, God,

for days without end.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

The Epistle (Christian letters) reading concludes its short series in Philippians with these verses in chapter 4. The apostle Paul gives final words of encouragement and instruction to the church in Philippi. There is a brief mention of Euodia and Syntyche, two women members of the church in Philippi, who are apparently in a disagreement with one another. What Paul urged back in 2:2 is repeated here in this context of seeking help for these two, to be united in Christ. The two have both worked for the Gospel alongside Paul and Clement. Paul had written of joy in the Savior, and expresses it again here, calling upon the church in Philippi to rejoice, to be in prayer to God, and to know God's peace. This section

concludes with further words of encouragement to continue to live into God's ways as they have been taught, and God's peace will be made known to them.

4 1 For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown—continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

2 I implore Euodia and Syntyche to come to an agreement with each other in Christ. 3 And I ask you, Syzygus, to be a true comrade and help these coworkers. These two women struggled at my side in defending the Good News, along with Clement and the others who worked with me. Their names are written in the Book of Life.

4 Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. 6 Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. 7 Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. 9 Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

These verses in Matthew 22 contain the Parable of the Wedding Feast. In this parable, a ruler has prepared a feast for the wedding of the family's heir, but the invited guests refused to come. Some of the guests even mistreated or killed the workers the ruler sent. So the ruler sent troops to burn their town and destroy those who murdered. Then the ruler decided to send the workers into the city to invite everyone they saw into the banquet, because those originally invited were not worthy. Everyone was invited in, both good and bad, and the hall was filled with guests. However, one guest did not have a wedding garment, and was questioned by the ruler as to how they got in. The guest was speechless, so the ruler ordered them to be thrown out into "the darkness" to suffer. The parable concludes with a line, possibly added later, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Parables have layers, and while on the surface this parable about the kingdom of heaven might be about how Jesus saw the religious leaders as rejecting God's kingdom, it could also be a warning to Christians during the time Matthew's Gospel was written, around 75-85 C.E., that they, too, have forgotten what God's kingdom is about.

22 1 Then Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like this: there was a ruler who prepared a feast for the wedding of the family's heir; 3 but when the ruler sent out workers to summon the invited guests, they wouldn't come. 4 The ruler sent other workers, telling them to say to the guests, 'I have prepared this feast for you. My oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding.' 5 But they took no notice; one went off to his farm, another to her business, 6 and the rest seized the workers, attacked them brutally and killed them. 7 The ruler was furious and dispatched troops who destroyed those murderers and burned their town.

8 "Then the ruler said to the workers, 'The wedding feast is ready, but the guests I invited

don't deserve the honor. 9 Go out to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find.' 10 The workers went out into the streets and collected everyone they met, good and bad alike, until the hall was filled with guests.

11 "The ruler, however, came in to see the company at table, and noticed one guest who was not dressed for a wedding. 12 'My friend,' said the ruler, 'why are you here without a wedding garment?' But the guest was silent. 13 Then the ruler said to the attendants, 'Bind this guest hand and foot, and throw the individual out into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "Many are called, but few are chosen."

Choral Response – NCH 283 – Spirit of the Living God

*Choir: Keith Konet, Barbara Rossington, and Bob Bucklew
Accompanist: Adam Petrosino*

Reflection – "The God Who Is Not" - Rev. Scott Rosenstein

WE RESPOND

***Prayer Of Response**

God of Wisdom and Insight, quiet our minds from the busy noises of the world around us. Remind us now and then to put down the phones and turn off the laptops.

Perhaps even to turn off the lights and light a candle instead.

To quiet our souls from all the notifications and flashing lights that tug our attention to things in this world.

Call us to open our Scriptures and read the words passed down to us, to ponder them in our hearts, to use the best scholarly resources to understand them further.

Remind us to seek you in prayer and meditation, in words and in silence, in the cool breeze in the forest or the waves on the shore.

Help us to breathe, and to breathe deep of the air you have given us, the wind that hovers over creation, and the Spirit you instill in us.

In the name of Christ, who often went away to deserted places to pray, we now pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Response - NCH 451 - Be Now My Vision**

Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings

All we have comes from you, O God. So, we give our offerings and tithes with generous hearts in thanksgiving for all you do for us. May these gifts given today offer hope in proclaiming and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior with all the world.

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**

Take our offerings and tithes, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the least of these needs and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. 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 76 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

**One: Now let us leave this place,
to love and serve those not here,
All: to share the hope of God,
to live in love with all creation.**

One: Now let us leave this place
to offer the gifts of life and grace with all,
**All: to bring joy to those who mourn,
to offer the heart of Christ to everyone.**

One: Now let us leave this place
to fill our neighborhoods with peace.
**All: to walk the Spirit's path with strangers,
to serve all as if they were family. Amen.**

Postlude - Adam Petrosino (please be seated during the Postlude**)**

Worship ends at the last note of the postlude as it begins at the first note of the prelude.

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Credits

- (1) The Call to Worship, Invocation, Invitation to Share our Tithes and Offerings, and the Blessing of the Gifts, are adapted from *"Filled from the Streets" Order of worship for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15, 2023*, continuing to Celebrate Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month, written by the Rev. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez, retired UCC pastor. Permission is given for congregations to use in worship or educational settings, including streaming.
- (2) The Prayer of Response is adapted from *Sunday Worship Resources for October 15th, 2023*, written by Rev. Mindi Welton- Mitchell, posted October 6th, 2023 on her blog, *Rev-o-lution*. <http://revo-o-lution.org/>
- (3) Commissioning and Benediction are adapted from *Liturgy and Communion from October 15th, 2023 (Pentecost 20/Trinity 19/Proper 23/Ordinary 28A)*, written by Thom M. Shuman, and posted October 8th 2023, on the blog, *Lectionary Liturgies*. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Ministers, All of Us
Scott Rosenstein, Pastor
Adam Petrosino, Music Director
Keith Konet, Council President
Beverly Wurm, Administrative Assistant



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 placed in the offering basket or mailed to:

**Zion United Church of Christ
2700 W. 14th Street, Ste. 14S
Cleveland, OH. 44113**

Questions: Contact Keith Konet at 330.604.6939

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

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 is keeping some limited Office Hours at church (2700 W. 14th)/home. The days and hours are:

Fall 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).

Worship Services on Zoom

We are discontinuing streaming worship services on Zoom at this time. The option for Worship Services via the Zoom platform will resume in the winter months and by request as needed.

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



A vertical pink poster with white and blue text. At the top, the word "DONATE" is written in large, white, spaced-out letters. Below it, "Hawai'i 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund" is written in white on a blue horizontal band. A white rounded rectangle contains the URL "bit.ly/hcuccrelief" in blue. Below the URL, there is a paragraph of text: "We are working with our churches on Maui to distribute funds to those in need in devastated areas." To the right of this text is a QR code with a small 'b' logo in the center. Below the QR code is an illustration of a hand holding a pink heart. At the bottom left, there is a small map of the Hawaiian Islands and the text "We are praying with Maui." At the bottom right, there is a logo for "HAWAII CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH" and the website "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 people have died in Syria.
- We pray as well for the people of Vermont, upstate New York and New York City (including the borough of Brooklyn), and Atlantic Canada (including the 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 epicenter 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.
- Gaza is ruled by Hamas, an Islamist militant group that is committed to the destruction of Israel and is designated as a terrorist group by the US and many other powers. Hamas launched an unprecedented assault on Israel on Saturday, October 7th with hundreds of gunmen infiltrating communities near the Gaza Strip. At least 1,300 Israelis have been killed, while around 150 soldiers and civilians, including women and children, are being held in Gaza as hostages. More than 2,200 Palestinians have also been killed in numerous air strikes on Gaza that Israel's military is carrying out in response, and Israel has imposed a total blockade on the territory, denying it food, fuel, water, and other essentials. Israel is also massing its forces along the Gaza border and Palestinians are bracing themselves for a ground operation which could cost many more deaths.
- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive a total of 541 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of October 11th, 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*).
 - Debbie Webb (*continued prayers*)
 - Beverly Wurm (*prayers for family*)



UCC and Disciples join ecumenical community in letter to Congress on crisis in Israel/Palestine

by [Staff Reports](#) | published on Oct 12, 2023

The United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were among 27 Christian churches and agencies to address a letter to members of Congress. The letter, in the context of the ongoing war in Israel/Palestine, urged Congress to:

- Publicly call for ceasefire, de-escalation and restraint by all sides
- Prioritize steps to secure immediate release of hostages and ensure international protection for civilians
- Call on all parties to abide by the laws of war, including the Geneva conventions and customary international law

The full text of the letter is below:

Dear Members of Congress,

We have watched in sadness the devastating loss of life in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories over the last several days. As Church-based denominations and organizations with deep ties to the Holy Land, we mourn with our Israeli and Palestinian siblings as they grieve the loss of loved ones and remain fearful of continued violence. Our commitment remains to a future in which both Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace, with security and human rights protected for all.

We unequivocally condemn Hamas' attacks and violent treatment of civilians and call for the immediate release of all hostages in captivity. We also condemn the indiscriminate and violent Israeli response that has already claimed hundreds of civilian lives. The Israeli government's decision to shut off power, water, and fuel will have a disastrous impact on millions of civilians in Gaza, including over a million children, especially those who need immediate medical attention.

At this critical time it is incumbent upon Congress to act in ways that will help de-escalate the violence and stop further loss of life. Specifically, we call on Congress to:

1. Publicly call for ceasefire, de-escalation and restraint by all sides
2. Call on all parties to abide by the laws of war, including the Geneva conventions and customary international law
3. Prioritize steps to secure immediate release of hostages and ensure international protection for civilians

During this time of heightened tension, we implore Congress to refrain from steps that only exacerbate the violence and increase the risk of expanding war into the broader region. Any Congressional effort that is one-sided, and rushes to send new weapons to Israel, will only intensify the conflict leading to further deaths and destruction. Congress must work to prevent the spread of more violence, including against Palestinian civilians in Israel and the West Bank.

Year after year, we have seen that increasing violence begets more violence. Our past responses have failed to end the bloodshed. As these horrific events unfold, we are reminded once again that only by addressing core systemic issues, including decades of institutionalized oppression and collective punishment of Palestinians through brutal military occupation and a 16-year Gaza blockade, will Israelis and Palestinians live in peace.

We are grateful for your service to this country. We pray for wisdom and discernment on your behalf in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

- Alliance of Baptists
- American Baptist Churches USA
- American Friends Service Committee
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Churches for Middle East Peace
- Church of the Brethren
- Community of Christ
- Church World Service
- Evangelicals4Justice
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Fellowship of Reconciliation USA
- Franciscan Action Network
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Global Ministries
- Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
- Maryknoll Office for Global Mennonite Central Committee
- National Council of Churches
- Pax Christi USA
- Presbyterian Church USA Office of Public Witness
- Quixote Center
- Reformed Church in America
- Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute Leadership Team
- Sojourners
- The United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society
- United Church of Christ
- United Women in Faith



The United Church of Christ Board is pleased to announce the installation of our 10th General Minister and President, The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson.

Rev. Thompson was elected General Minister and President at the 34th General Synod on July 3, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN, and took

office on August 1. Rev. Thompson is the first woman to serve as General Minister and President

of the United Church of Christ.

You are cordially invited to celebrate this historic installation on Friday, October 20, 2023, 5:00 pm ET, at the Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, Ohio where the Rev. Joanna D'Agostino serves as Senior Pastor. The service of installation will also be broadcast online.

Installation Service Details – Registration Is Required

- Installation of the 10th General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson
- Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5PM ET
- Lakewood Congregational Church,
1375 West Clifton Boulevard
Lakewood, OH 44107

The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in-person.

Register for the Livestream:
<https://tinyurl.com/86cdndyk>

Register for In-Person:
<https://tinyurl.com/4c8srwa3>



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Tremont History Project presents:
Historic Tremont Church Tour Series,
Join us this fall as we visit a selection
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Fall 2023

Admission is free, registration is recommended.

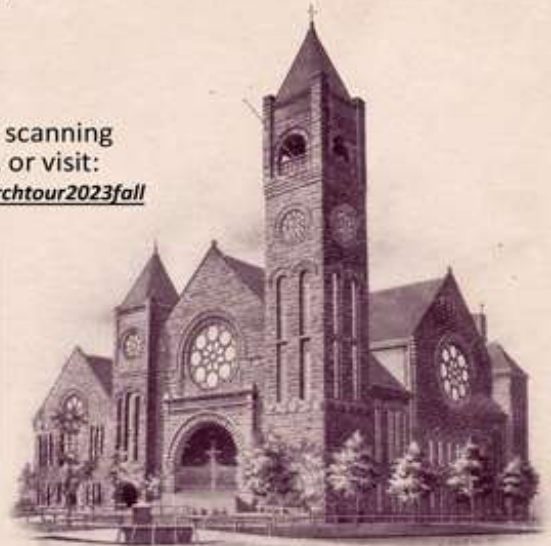
Sat. 10/14 @ 3pm:
St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral
733 Starkweather Ave.
Parking on site/on street

Sat. 10/21 @ 12pm:
Zion Church
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Parking on street

Sat. 10/28 @ 12pm:
Pilgrim Church
2592 W. 14th Street
Parking on street

Sat. 11/4 @ 2pm:
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
2187 W. 14th Street
Parking on site

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Zion United Church of Christ in Tremont is pleased to be one of the participating churches of the **Fall Series of Historic Tremont Church Tour**. We'll welcome folks on **Saturday, October 21st at 12 Noon**. This Tour Series is presented by **Tremont History Project** - and we're grateful to them for including us in this series.

Admission to each church on the Tour is free, registration is recommended.