

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in spirit.

P: Let us be united in his faith and in his mission.

L: Through the mothering love of the Holy Spirit, we are joined into God's one family.

P: Let us be known as Christ's true disciples by the love in which we hold one another and all of God's children on earth.

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*OPENING PRAYER: **Loving God, it is you who gives life and breath to everyone, and in you alone can we find life, breath, and meaning for ourselves and for our world. For those who have been blessed with an awareness of your mothering care, who have looked to you for guidance and have nurtured us as mothers in faith to this day, we give you thanks. We pray that you would unite us as your children to be a nurturing influence on others, that they too may enjoy full life within your family. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Thy Word*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 14:15-31

MESSAGE *Motherly Comfort*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Faith of Our Mothers*

Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nurs'ry love and fireside love,
thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rusty & Mary Thies, Arnie Watkins, Willis Dane Family, Eleanor Johnson Family, Joe Smith, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Mike Carter Family, Dinelle Freschi and Family, Darrell White, Emily, Leslie Grigsby family & friends, Beth Coutre', Bonnie Bird family, Deb Cooper, Karen Cericola family, Melissa, Renewal Team & Congregation, Mary Fiedler Family, Marissa, Victims of war, Joan Hammitt, Cindy Harzheim, Estrella, Gary Splittstoesser family, Gretchen Kaszynski, Dixie Tonozzi, Doug Jakse, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Bill Vlastnik.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

OFFERING INVITATION
OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Doxology*
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **In these gifts, O God, we
acclaim you as our Lord. May they be useful to you in
bringing your kingdom into full flower through the
ministries of your church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

-The Family of Willis Dane
-Rusty Thies, for health
-The Family of Eleanor Johnson
-Arnie Watkins, for health

The Altar Flowers today are in honor and memory of Lina Smith on her birthday. Given by Dixie Tonozzi.

A Memorial was given for Eleanor Johnson by Lois Wilmot.

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please note: We will not be having refreshments after worship today.

Zion Diners will be 6:00pm this Thursday, May 16th with Lois Wilmot as our host. Please call Lois to confirm your reservation. The restaurant will be The Right Spice and all are welcome!

CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship) Calling All CREW Members! Join us next Sunday at 9:00AM if you're in kindergarten through 6th grade. We'll have games, stories, crafts, and more that will help you grow in your faith and friendships! Bring your energy and excitement as we learn how God is at work in our lives and world. Next Sunday is the season's closing session. *Watch for exciting news about VBS! Contact Shelly Garncarz if you would like to help with VBS this summer.

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

We have started a Roof Fund. We need \$8,000 to order. The total for the project will be \$17,000.

Graduates to announce? Contact the church office!

Don't forget to reserve your spot today!

"When Ladies Wore Hats"

**A Tea Party For Ladies Of All Ages*

Saturday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 at Zion UCC

Bring your daughters, granddaughters, mothers and friends for refreshments, fun and entertainment. Hosted by Dixie Tonozzi and Kay Harding *If you have a hat you would like to wear, wear it, but hats will be provided for you to have fun with!

Musical Entertainment by Kevin Kramer

Reservation information:

Ladies over 12-\$5.00

Ladies 12 and under- \$3.00

**To reserve your place, email Pastor Kay: pklh51@juno.com
or call her at (815)993-9221 or sign up at church**

Pentecost is Sunday, May 19th. Wear red to church!

Music Sunday, when Zion celebrates God's gift of music to us, will be May 19th. This is the worship service that praises God through all types of music and all levels of ability. In addition to the choir, we celebrate the gifts of music given to all who perform music at any level. Anyone who wants to participate should contact Jim Greening. Let's celebrate God's gift of music and share it with others!

The **Annual Spring Flute Fling** will be Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm at Zion UCC presented by the Music Suite 408 flute ensembles. The event is free and open to the public.

We will have worship and lunch at Pilgrim Park on Sunday, May 26th. Worship will begin at 11:15am. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. All are welcome!

The next **Zion Women's Guild** meeting will be Thursday, June 6th at noon. This will be a luncheon at Liberty Restaurant. Please call Lois Wilmot to confirm your reservation. All Ladies are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Ice Cream Social will be Thursday, June 20th 4-7pm. The Peru Municipal Band will play

5-6pm weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is available in fellowship hall for helpers, cake bakers, and BBQ chefs.

****HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**** Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the Peru PADS through May. Please open your hearts and wallets to support this important cause. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "PADS Meals." Or go online and donate through our website. Together we can make a difference!

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

Copies of the hymns & large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

Copies of "These Days" Devotions are available in fellowship hall.

The Zion UCC Messenger has gone to a digital format! The newsletter is now sent to your inbox. If you have not received the recent issue of *The Messenger*, please check your spam file or contact Erin at: office@zionperu.org. The Messenger is also available in print in Fellowship Hall and can always be viewed on our website: www.zionperu.org.

Trinity UCC is having a Fundraiser at RIP's Chicken in Ladd May 15 & May 16th – Dinners are \$12.00 each. **Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Pastor Betty at (815)343-4420.

Summer Camps are open for registration!

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Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
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Song Leader	Dave Jacobson

Attendance:

Morning Worship May 5th - In person: 35 Adults + 8 children
On YouTube: 5

This week:

Monday, May 13th

6:30pm Live Life Group meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 16th

6:00pm Zion Diners

Saturday, May 18th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

2:00-4:00pm Ladies Tea

Sunday, May 19th

Pentecost & Music Sunday

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

2:00pm Spring Flute Fling

Office Hours*The secretary is in the office on Fridays

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

*Zion
United Church of Christ*

HAPPY 
Mother's
DAY

Proverbs 31:26:

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

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