

Harvest Home Celebration  
November 20, 2022 10:15 a.m.

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

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

**P: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

**P: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMNS *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

\*PRAYER **Lifegiving God, we enter your courts with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that you have made us, and remembering we are loved. We have come to praise your mighty acts, to offer our petitions, and celebrate remembrance. Let us receive from your hand the Bread of Life, as we seek to honor you for all your good works; this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Sing To the Lord of Harvest*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS  
Prayer of Dedication of Food Pantry Donations

## GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE *Thinking About Thanksgiving*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Family of Amy Rogel, Family of Daryl Stuhr, Tom, Shirley Lopeman, Rusty Thies, Mike Schoening, Family of Don Redeen, Neil Tipton, Florida hurricane victims, Jim L., Keisha Smith, Family of Roger Chamlin, Mary Fiedler, Family of David Brackman, Tom Kelly, Family of Jack Antkowiak, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Eleanor Johnson & family, Carol Dean, Charlene, George, Dan, Family of Jim Catalanello, Darrell, Family of Wayne Boers, Joe Smith, Marilyn Haslam, Bill Vlastnik, Kathy Radtke, Sherri Bokholtz, Ron Narczewski, Jace, Alice Guenther, Unspoken, Marian Benedict, Colton Schultz, Ayden Arnold, Dixie Tonozzi, Paul Lewis, Terri Short, Jean Spayer, Marty Johnson, Joe Rogel, Ron Hudkins, Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Make Me a Servant*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRaise RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Give each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. Today we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

## WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## **Announcements**

### **New Prayer Requests**

- Family of Daryl Stuhr
- Family of Amy Rogel
- Tom, Pastor Kay's brother-in-law, for health

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Amy Rogel. Amy passed away November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Church Council** will meet tomorrow, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Advent** begins next Sunday. Join us as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)** meets at 9:00am Sunday mornings for learning and fun. All kids Kindergarten thru 5th grade are welcome. We hope to see you!

**The Zion Children's Christmas Program** "The Night Before Christmas" will be on December 18 during morning worship. You don't want to miss this!

**The Board of Christian Education** needs volunteers for Sunday School. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve, please contact the church office.

**Thanksgiving Eve** Ecumenical Service will be held this Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at Trinity UCC in La Salle. Pastor Alex will be bringing the message. Eight churches will be represented, meeting together to celebrate Thanksgiving. Please attend if you're able.

We're reviving a tradition at Zion UCC. We're opening our doors again on **Thanksgiving Day** and welcoming everyone for a meal, for warmth, for conversation, for community. We'll have a hearty Thanksgiving meal at no cost: turkey and all the trimmings! Whether you don't have the resources for a meal on your own, or you just would like to share a meal that day with friends you haven't met yet, we have a place for you on Thanksgiving Day. There is no charge for the meal; if you wish

to make a contribution, we will use it to help cover the costs. Doors will open at noon. We can enjoy some football on tv. We'll serve the meal at about 1:00 or 1:30, then relax and spend some time together. Please join us. If you are coming or if you want to volunteer, please sign up as soon as possible. Sign up sheet is in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall after church. Also, contributions are more than welcome!

Next Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> **Muriel Anderson** will be making her sixth appearance in a concert sponsored by Music Suite 408. Zion United Church of Christ is pleased to once again to be the site of her performance. The featured concert will begin at 7:00PM. Muriel Anderson is one of the world's foremost finger-style guitar harpists, has worked in major studios, and has released many CDs that will be available for purchase at the concert. Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students(with ID). For ticket information, contact Music Suite 408 at (815) 223-4408. Facebook: 408 Fine Arts Factory or the Website: 408fineartsfactory.com. Visit her website to listen to samples of her music: [murielanderson.com](http://murielanderson.com)

Zion UCC will be participating Sat. Dec. 3 in the **Light Up the Night Christmas Parade** in Peru. We will be passing out candy and flyers. Please contact Pastor Alex or Larry if you would like to help out!

**Choir** practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the church office or Jim Greening (815/223-1858) with questions, or come to practice.

**Pastor Alex is on the radio!** At 8:25 every Sunday morning he will be on the air on WLPO 103.9 FM to share a five minute talk. We're getting good feedback from WLPO listeners in the community. Pastor has often said that Zion is the best kept secret in the Illinois Valley. Let's change that! Listen in when you can and let your friends know.

**HELP THE HOMELESS** At Peru **PADS** shelter, the need is great in these difficult times. The number of people residing at the shelter is at an all-time high, with many being children. Zion UCC congregation is once again supplying one meal a month on the fourth Tuesday. We have a delicious dinner prepared and delivered to PADS each month through May. Can you help with a donation to help cover the costs? If you would like to help, you can place a check in the offering or mail it to the church office. Be sure to note on the check that it's for PADS. Or you can give online by going to the online giving site and use the drop down menu to click on "Give to PADS meals". Thank you for helping feed people in need in the Illinois Valley.

**The Illinois Valley Flute Group Festival of Flutes** is planned for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm here at Zion.

**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).

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm and all are welcome to attend. Please call 815/780-4618 or email joan.fernandez@ivch.org for more information.

Copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.

Copies of "These Days" Daily devotions are available in fellowship hall.

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**This week:**

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
 7:00pm Church Council meeting  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 PADS Meal  
Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at Trinity UCC  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
 12:00pm Doors open for Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Happy Thanksgiving!  
Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Advent Begins*  
 8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO  
 9:00am CREW  
 9:30am Choir Practice  
 10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube  
 7:00pm Muriel Anderson Concert

Office Hours

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

