

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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 *Surely the Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

P: **We come in celebration and song.**

L: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

P: **We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.**

L: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

P: **We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.**

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

P: **We come in celebration and song.**

*OPENING HYMN *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

*OPENING PRAYER

We are here, Lord. We come to be with your people, to join them in your praise, and to learn to live with them and with your world in peace. Give us your blessing, we pray, that as we seek to know your will for us, we may live lives worthy to be called "Christian". Through your son Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-15

MESSAGE *Jesus Complimented This Guy?*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Come All Christians, Be Committed*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Family of Bob & Michele Waters, Carol Dean, Rusty Thies, Family of Jim Catalanello, Flood Victims, Great Britain, Pam Burgwald, Joanne & Jane, Children, Darrell, Karen Kradle, Family of Wayne Boers, family of Bill Janz, David Brackman, Peter Goff, Frank Vlastnik, Arnie Watkins, Braden, Joe Smith, Marilyn Haslam, Bill Vlastnik, Carter, The Crosby Family, Kathy Radtke, Family of Jack Hamilton, Sherri Bokholtz, Ron Narczewski, Kevin Orval, Jace, Alice Guenther, Unspoken, Marian Benedict, Colton Schultz, Ayden Arnold, Dixie Tonozzi, people of Ukraine, Amy Rogel, Paul Lewis, Terri Short, Mike Schoening, Mary Fiedler, Jean Spayer, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Marty Johnson, Joe Rogel, Ron Hudkins, Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lord, we got up this morning, ate our breakfast, got dressed, and came to church—all to give you praise and thanksgiving. May these gifts be a blessing for those who had no bed this morning from which to arise; for those who had no breakfast and are hungry; for those who have so little. Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Family of Bob & Michele Waters
- Rusty is home, for health
- Pakistan flood victims
- Great Britain transition period
- Pam Burgwald, for health

The Church Council will meet tomorrow, September 19th, at 7:00pm

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. **There will not be practice this week.*

CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship) has begun! Our young people will meet Sundays at 9:00am for learning and fun. We hope to see you! **No CREW next Sunday, Sept. 25th*

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.

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. This should be a good tool to get the word out to our 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.

We will have Sunday morning worship at Pilgrim Park on next Sunday, September 25th! Anyone who would like to carpool can meet at the church at 9:00. If you need a ride, please let Pastor Alex know. We'll have lunch after the service. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up so that we can let Pilgrim Park staff know how many are coming and how much food to prepare. If you haven't worshipped at Pilgrim Park with us before, please join us. It's an amazing place to enjoy nature.

The 2022 Illinois Valley CROP Hunger Walk will be held next Sunday, September 25th. This is the same day we will be at Pilgrim Park for worship service and lunch. Since we won't be able to join the walkers at Rotary Park in La Salle, all walkers from Zion will take money and pledges, then walk whenever it's convenient. Some of us may walk at Pilgrim Park. Walkers and sponsors are needed. If you'd like to be a walker, envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Plans are underway for our **170th Anniversary** here at Zion! We'll be celebrating this big day on October 9th. There will be special music. Our young people will sing for us. We'll have a potluck lunch after morning worship. More plans are in the works. Mark your calendars!

HELP THE HOMELESS On August 15th, a new season started at Peru **PADS** shelter. As you know, the need is great in these difficult times. Zion UCC congregation is once again supplying one meal a month on the fourth Tuesday. We have a delicious hot 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.

Join us for Coffee Fellowship today!

New Church Directories are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like one mailed to you or a relative, please contact the church office. **Print only- please contact the office with questions.*

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).

**Extra copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.*

“These Days” Daily Devotions are available in Fellowship Hall. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret’s Health, 1305 6th 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.

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This Week:

Monday, September 19th

7:00pm Church Council meeting

Sunday, September 25th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am Meet at Church to carpool

10:15am Worship at Pilgrim Park

Lunch following worship

CROP Hunger Walk

Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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