

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ
1054 Ridgewood Road, York, Pennsylvania 17406
Telephone: 717-755-6117
E-mail: office@mtzionucc.org
Website: www.mtzionucc.org

Rev. Amy E. Northridge, Acting Pastor
Amy Rice, Worship Choir Director
Mr. Travis Pinci, Accompanist, Children's Music Coordinator, & Church Administrator
Ms. Donna Gross, Custodian

September 1, 2024

9:45 AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

C: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

L: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

C: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

L: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

C: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

***OPENING HYMN NO. #42 NCH** (next page)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing


Charles Wesley, 1740

Carl G. Glaser, 1828

*Music reproduced and licensed under One License #A-725030.

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



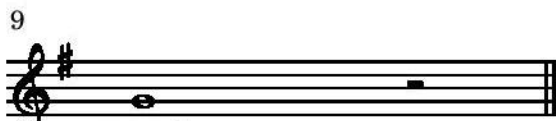
1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's
2. My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro -
3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows
4. Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er

5



praise, The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri-umphs of God's
- claim, To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your
cease Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and
given By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and

9



grace!
name.
peace!
heaven.

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God,

C: We know that we have lived imperfect lives and we seek your forgiveness. When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts, forgive us. When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others, forgive us.

When we keep putting off being more active “doers of the word”, forgive us. When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance, forgive us. When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard, forgive us.

In Christ, free us and help us do better this day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL SING: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (CEB)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 (CEB)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. #327 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

*Music reproduced and licensed under One License #A-725030.


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so
3. Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me

4



tells me so. Lit - tle ones to him be - long;
long a - go, Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee,
on my way, Want - ing as a friend to give

7 *Refrain*




they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Je - sus loves me!
say - ing, "Let them come to me."
light and love to all who live.

11



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The

15



Bi - ble tells me so.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. #347 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ALL SING: Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING GOD'S STORY

WELCOME TO THE TABLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

At Mt. Zion all are welcome to share in Christ's meal. Today, Communion will be distributed by our Welcome Team members and passed down the pews for distribution—first bread, then the cup which is filled with grape juice. Gluten Free wafers are available as desired. We invite you to hold your bread and cup until the community is invited to eat together by the Pastor. Please dispose of your cup after worship.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER³

L: Eternal God,

C: God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. #467 UMH (see next page)

Trust and Obey

Trust and Obey

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his
 4. Then in fell - ow - ship sweet we will sit at his

5
 word, what a glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we
 share, but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay; not a
 love, un - til on the al - tar we lay; for the
 feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he

9
 do his good will, he a - bides with us still, and with
 grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is
 fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows, are for
 says we will do, where he sends we will go; ne - ver

13 *Refrain*
 all who will trust and o - bey. Trust and o -
 blest if we trust and o - bey.
 them who will trust and o - bey.
 fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

17
 - bey, for there's no o - ther way to be hap - py in

21
 Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

***BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE**

References

¹The Call to Worship comes from *The Presbyterian Church in Canada* website. <http://presbyterian.ca/> and was accessed for use 8/26/24.

² The Prayer of Confessions is written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online**. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/> and was accessed for use 8/26/24.

³ The Post Communion Prayer is from *Common Worship: Collects and Post Communions*, material from which is included here, and published by [Church House Publishing](#) for use and accessed on 8/26/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

-
Welcome Team Members—Nancy & Jeff Sleeper, Faye Heal, Sarah Shaffer

Liturgist— Brenda Beyer

Tech Team—George DeMers, John Schriver, Joe Vacante