

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude

"Festival Piece on 'Marion'"

Ritter

Announcements

Call to Worship

Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.

Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road to travel.

Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are stayed on loving us.

We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray,

Unwavering One, we are thankful for the clarity found in you. You welcome us into your presence, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We delight in knowing that even when we come stumbling over ourselves, your love is sure to pick us up and steady us. Because you are love, you keep your promises to us. Help us walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises too. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 98 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 446 *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. Over 95% of our budget is directly supported through our offering. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially: There is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.

+ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Prayer of Dedication

Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 21:5-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 466

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 698

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Postlude In B Flat”

Martin

Rev. Andrea Asselmeier is an ordained UCC minister and currently serves as the Manager of Spiritual Care at Emmaus Homes. She has been at Emmaus for 5 years and knows that she has the best job in the world, making sure that we are meeting the spiritual needs of all that we serve. In her free time, Andrea enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and pets, cooking, crafting, and more. Welcome Rev. Asselmeier and thank you!

We commit ourselves...

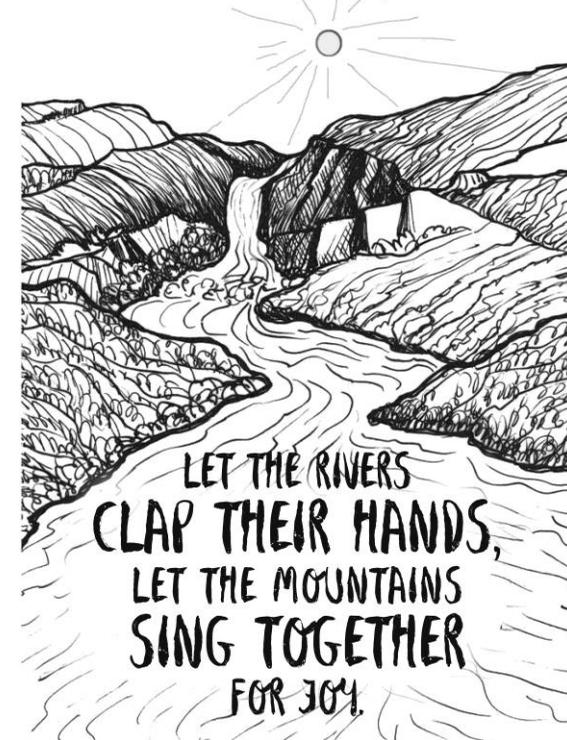
to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.

PSALM 98:8, NIV



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