
MISSION STATEMENT

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Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

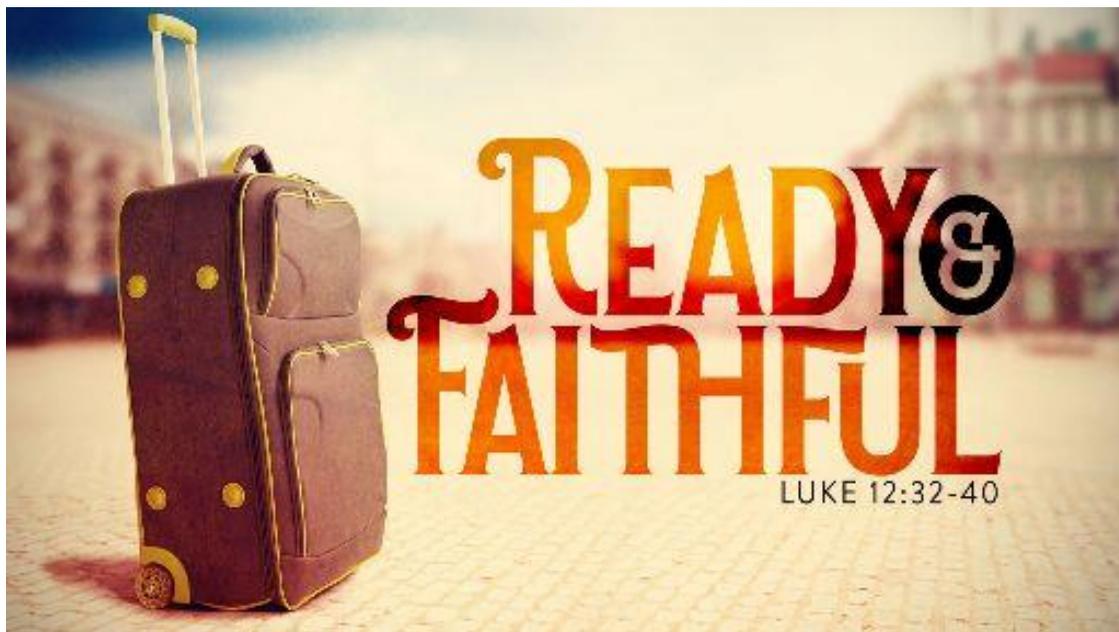
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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

All Baptized persons are invited to come to the Altar and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions from Fr. Heidt on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion as we continue to re-gather. Please take this bulletin home with you. **Coffee Hour is held in Clarke Hall** after the service which you enter through the double doors on your right at the front of the church. Please stop by to have a cup of coffee or tea, something to eat and a chance to meet the people of Zion.

If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also, regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

Please Disinfect Slip-You will notice in your bulletin we have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip; please place this slip in the pew in which you are sitting. This lets our sexton Chris Klara know where to concentrate his cleaning duties.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proper 14

Sunday, August 7, 2022

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.

Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.

Prelude: Allein Gott in Der Hoh sei Ehr (All Glory Be to God on High)

I. arr. Friedrich Wilhem Zachau (1663-1712)

II. arr. Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710)

Processional Hymn: 9 Not here for high and holy things

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people standing, the Celebrant sings

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria for Zion (yellow card in pew)

Carol Stack

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

The Second Lesson: **Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may

open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost **Proper 14, Year C** August 7, 2022
(Luke 12: 32 - 40)

In the Name of the Living God: Creator Father, Redeemer Son, Sustainer Spirit. Amen.

It has been off television for a while now, but I occasionally find myself wistfully longing for the award-winning series, *Downton Abbey*. A multi-season epic about a British aristocratic family and their servants spanning from around 1914 to the mid-1920s, before the global Great Depression. I was struck, in part, by the technological simplicity of life at that time and place: no internet, no cell phone, no social media. The greatest technological and cultural shocks were the introduction of the house telephone and the radio.

What a contrast to my own life. It is full of cell phones beeping at me, browsing the internet, and more books than I can read in my lifetime. The characters in that series were able to focus their time and efforts on pursuits that addressed relationships and their vocations. This simplicity was extremely appealing to me and reminded me of the beginning of the Luke text for this Sunday: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We live in a world where there are so many things clamoring for our attention that it is easy to lose our focus. In this text from Luke, Jesus is calling us to prioritize activities that give eternal life. Such a call to center (or re-center) our lives on God might seem extremely difficult in our world, but is essential for our lives as Christians. If we do not, as Jesus goes on to suggest, we will be caught unprepared.

Whatever you want to say about Jesus, his story is presented as he being a gifted speaker. Think about it. If you wanted to get a group's attention real quick and to hold onto it, you shock them with the headline. Isn't that what the supermarket tabloids do? "I am giving birth to Elvis' baby on the planet Mars! Story on page 6." Well, maybe what he says to get their attention is not THAT nuts. But with his opening words, Jesus hits everyone where it gets noticed, and noticed in a hurry. All about money. YOUR money. Not the guy down the block. Do not be afraid and store up treasures in heaven, rather than on earth.

Is it time to panic? Are we called to drop everything, sell everything, and wear burlap and eat locusts like John the Baptist did? No. Luke is not suggesting an ascetic lifestyle, but rather a strategic appropriation of one's possessions.

It is really a means of self discipline into moderation and preparation. Similar to Advent, this message is concerned with preparation and our role in spreading the good news.

"Spreading the Good News". What IS that? What does that really mean?

Really, we use or rather hear these phrases used, in good old "churchese", the particular lingo of our tradition.

And, like you, I imagine myself getting that blank stare coming over my face when I hear certain code phrases. If that happens to us, imagine what it does to people who do not connect with church at all. Talk about a turn off.

The good news is that God produces and delivers energy that, unlike the world, is gospel centered.

This text today is all about vocation, not justification.

These verses do NOT point to a simple quid pro quo of “if you do this, then that will happen”. This message is NOT “if you are prepared, then you will be saved”. Instead, the idea here is to be ready so that when God calls you to action, you seize the opportunity. Being prepared for God’s energy in the gospel. Being alert and being ready are like potential energy, ready to be turned into kinetic energy when prompted. The energy produced here is gospel centered....healing, justice, love, grace, peace.

Even more revolutionary to our worldly way of thinking is this: those who are ready for the return of the master will be SERVED by God.

Sorry, but that seems backwards. Our usual notion that we serve God. This contracts that notion...as instead, God will serve us. That is inconceivable to us in our broken, isolated state. But, again, this is not a works-righteousness system. Rather, it is more of a promise of what will happen when one has begun to re-center life around God. What is churchspeak, being called “good news”, is that God, through the life and example of Jesus as the Christ, will serve us in our life so that we will not be afraid.

Who wants to hear about Advent in Pentecost? Almost no one. But the focus on vocation is the center of Pentecost. And it might not only apply to individuals, but to churches as well. Are we, as individuals and as a church, ready to help others in need? Have we considered the issues of peace and justice that our society is wrestling with so that we can be a part of God’s solution?

Outside of these readings but deeply inside their message, is the great voice of the Creator reminding us how much we are loved, not for what we have, but for who we are. We do not have treasure. We ARE treasure. Servants who are blessed by the Holy One. Our economic standing, our homes and wealth are of no account to God. What matters is our lives. How we live, how we approach justice, care for the poor among us, and how we treat one another is the bottom line for judgment. Our success in worldly things, our tendency to measure everything by

the world's yardstick, mean nothing.

Summer is a good time to take another look at all that we possess, and to take an inventory.

An inventory in our hearts and minds of the spiritual treasures we have, the friends who love us without condition, the church that keeps us in communion with each other and God, the beauty of the material world that belongs to every human being. Tonight, weather permitting, is an especially good time to look up at the stars in awe, and remember that the God who made us also made them. But they are nothing compared with the treasure we have of being loved by that same God who asks us to show that love and care to every person we meet.

It is a good time...in the summer...to kick back. Reflect upon the love that we know through friends and family, all that comes from the goodness of God, and then "pay it forward"....giving that love and concern back to God as directed toward the others who we come in contact with.

All as we give thanks to God in this seasonal time of recreation and refreshment, in the name of the One and Holy God...made known to us as the Father, and as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and people:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose

again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People for the Season after Pentecost

Leader - Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all: Father, your kingdom come.

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For nations, for leaders and governments, and for those who aspire to positions of civil leadership, that integrity may mark all their actions, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For communities torn by dissension and strife, particularly for those who suffered loss of life in the ongoing war in Ukraine; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For those who we now name from our healing and prayer list (**names listed below**),

Sharon Parsons	Catherine Zbiegien	Anne Staple
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Randy Jones Sr.
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
CJ Broughton	Annie Nobiling	Erick Kroll
Fr. Jim Heidt	Cathy Ziembra	Brenda Outwater
Rob Goodwin	Vincent Rescigno	Toby Werner
Lisa Newman	Stephen Abbott	

and also for all those who serve in our military here and abroad; as well as for those who are unnamed yet known to you alone, as those who are emotionally or physically ill or weak, for the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop, DeDe, our diocesan bishop, James, our rector and priest, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For those who are separated from us by death; (**especially....**) that theirs may be the kingdom which is unshakeable, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For your answers to the urgings of our hearts; in heartfelt thanksgiving for your mercies and all the blessings given to all of us, known and unknown, for our loved ones, this nation, and your world, including those blessings we now name aloud (**such as....**), or hold joyfully in our hearts, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory for ever, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of the West Indies and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Howard Gregory.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Western Kansas and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Andrew Cowell.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador: We pray for the people of Santa María Virgen, San Bartolo, Ilopango and their priest, the Rev. Guillermo Hueso.

In our Diocese of Central New York: We continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. We also pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waterloo and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haugaard, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Watertown and their priest, the Rev. Molly Payne-Hardin. We also pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, and our loved ones, our communities and your church.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: **316** This is the hour

Celebrant and People together: **All things come of thee, O Lord; and of
thine own, have we given thee. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Invitation

ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body and Blood from God's holy table in this place.

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**).*

Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.

In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail. The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season after Pentecost

Celebrant - The Lord be with you.

People - **And also with you.**

Celebrant - Lift up your hearts.

People - **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People - **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant - It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-130 (Celebrant and People together)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. X2

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. X2

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. X2

Celebrant continues - Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, and cared for those who were poor. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us. Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Post-communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 637 How firm a foundation

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: When Morning Gilds the Skies *arr. Lani Smith*

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: Nina & Ray Charles

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

MEETINGS AT ZION:

AA

M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
Sat: 10 AM
District ~1st Sat. of the month
Convention AA 3rd Sat. of month

NA

Mon: 7 PM
Fri: 7 PM
Sat. 11:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vestry Meeting-8/22/22-6 PM in Clarke Hall
Community Dinner-8/27/22-Stuffed Peppers-Sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall

Zion's Pantry & Vet's Food Collection-As some of you know we have always put baskets out for the collection of food for the First Sunday being designated to our food pantry and the third Sunday being the Vet's. Well, with all that has been going on that ministry has been "pushed to the curb side" so to speak. So, starting on Sunday, August 7th let's us please start anew.

Parish Picnic-The parish picnic will be on August 28th with the service at 11 AM and picnic to follow immediately afterwards in courtyard weather permitting. Sign-up sheets are in Clarke Hall. Thank You!

THIS SUNDAY: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proper 14

August 7, 2022-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Rick Weltz Georgia Northup
Acolyte	Rick Weltz
Altar Guild	Brenda Outwater
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani– Month of August

NEXT SUNDAY: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proper 15

August 14, 2022-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Annette Clark-Hani Sandie Latimer
Acolyte	Annette Clark-Hani
Altar Guild	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani– Month of August