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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community.*

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Welcome to historic  
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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. 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. Please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar. You will then receive and partake in the communion **from the Reserved Sacrament** at the Altar. Please put cup into the little trash receptacle on your way down the stairs before going back to your pew. If you would like just a blessing; please fold your arms across your chest at the Altar.

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. 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.

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:  
Proper 11  
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament  
July 23, 2023**

*Sisters and brothers, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion was consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated in another time and place. For centuries the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshiping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.*

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

Processional Hymn: **390** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Leader:* 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.**

*Leader:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.

Gloria (yellow card in pew)

*Carol Stack*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Genesis 28: 10-19a**

*Reader:* The First lesson is the reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

<i>Reader:</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People:</i>	<b>Thanks be to God</b>

**Psalm 139: 1-11, & 22-23**

**BCP pg. 794**

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

### The Second Lesson: **Romans 8: 12-25**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

### The Third Lesson- **Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23**

*Reader:* The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Matthew

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## *Homily*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Leader and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People from BCP pg. 385 modified Form II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s): Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in need or any kind of trouble and for those who we now name **from our prayer list:**

Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Elena
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Susan Bogart	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Judy Kozma & Family	Mary Sue	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman & Family	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Shelley & Dave Land	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ryan Pope	Beth Robinson-Cain	Lilla Weeks
The Heidt Family	Lucretia Reed	Kelly Lubeck
Jim Hoffman	Angela Markel	AnnMarie Hunter
Anne Staple	Deborah Grifa	Kristie Mancini
Jason Rutherford	Kimberly Richmond	Joan Kielian
Melissa Weir & Baby	Leslie & Liney Beckbridge	Stan Davis
Roger Dominick	Wayne Cadrette	Janine Waller



Donald Wilson  
Serenity Miller

Ann & Katherine Gambier

Larry DeFrees

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [**especially \_\_\_\_\_**].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [**especially \_\_\_\_\_**].

*Silence*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of Central Africa and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Albert Chama.

**And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Louisiana and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson.

**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 Trinity Episcopal Church in Canastota and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Candor and their priest, the Rev. Patricia Kinney.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All say together:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

### ***The Peace***

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Leader:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: **594** God of grace and God of glory

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

### **Eucharistic Preparation Prayers**

*Leader:* Gracious and most merciful God, we remember before you those who celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Zion on May 14th with whom we now share Communion through the reception of this sacrament

*People:* **Though many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, done the kind of things that we do, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, we can make you our eternal home.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere, throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as brothers and sisters we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Leader 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**

**Administration of Communion**

*Leader:* The gifts of God for the people of God. All are invited to God’s table.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Leader and People:*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: **562** Onward, Christian soldiers

*Leader:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Leader: Wayne Osborne  
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director  
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**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Gary Boulerice, Doug Thomason

**Altar Flowers: Given By:** Mike & Tina Rescigno; **In Memory of:** Lyle Hewitt

**AA**

**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM**

**District ~1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month (Last meeting until Sept. 2023)**

**NA**

**Mon: 7 PM**

**Fri: 7 PM**

**Sat. 11:30 AM**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**7/29-STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL**

**Strawberry Shortcake Festival-**This Saturday is the festival; for all who are baking shortcake, please remember to take your trays and recipe cards home today. All baked goods and baskets should be at Zion by Saturday morning between 9-10AM. Thank You!

**Pantry-** The first and third Sundays are dedicated to our food drives for Zion and the Vets. We divide among the 2 all that is brought in for the month. Thank You!!!!

**THIS SUNDAY: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Proper 11**

**July 23, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom***

**Leader**

Wayne Osborne

**Reader**

Jennifer Swinney

**Altar Guild**

Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington

**Church Opener**

Annette—Month of July



**NEXT SUNDAY: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:  
Proper 12**

**July 30, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in the  
Sanctuary & on Zoom***

<b>Leader</b>	Jane Padrón
<b>Reader</b>	Mike Rescigno
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington
<b>Church Opener</b>	Annette–Month of July