
MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
August 20, 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

Prelude: Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Garrett Parker

Processional Hymn: **414** God, my King, thy might confessing

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45: 1-15**

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

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Lesson: **Romans 11: 1-2a, & 29-32**

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Third Lesson- **Matthew 15: (10-20), & 21-28**

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

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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
Steven Richmond Jr.	Mary Sue	Brenda Outwater
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Shelley & Dave Land	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ryan Pope	Beth Robinson-Cain	Lilla Weeks
Donald Wilson	Lucretia Reed	Kelly Lubeck
Jim Hoffman	Angela Markel	AnnMarie Hunter
Anne Staple	Deborah Grifa	Kristie Mancini
The Crouch Family	Kimberly Richmond	Joan Kielian
Melissa Weir & Baby	Leslie & Liney Beckbridge	Stan Davis
Roger Dominick	Wayne Cadrette	Janine Waller
Dominick Ricci	Jackson Ricci	Jeff Dauback
K. Howlett	James R. Martinez	Linda Tornberg

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 England and their archbishop, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Michigan and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bonnie A. Perry.

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. James Episcopal Church in Clinton and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Constableville.

Prayer for Next Presiding Bishop-Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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: 371 Thou, whose almighty word

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 August 13th 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: **544** Jesus shall reign where-ever the sun

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!**

Postlude: Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. John Devries

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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: Ariel
Pardón-Denny

Altar Flowers: Given By: **Tina & Mike Rescigno;** In Memory of: **Bill Northey,**
Arlene Clough

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

District ~1st Sat. of the month (Last meeting until Sept. 2023)

NA

Mon: 7 PM

Fri: 7 PM

Sat. 11:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 26th-Community Dinner-Sausage w/Peppers & Onions

Aug. 29th-Ultreya 7 PM meet in Zion's Parlor

All community dinners-will be served on a Saturday, between 4-5 PM for eat-in or take-out; we do ask that you please make a reservation by either e-mailing Zion at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com or calling the church at 315 336-5170. You can leave a message on the answering machine; please leave name and how many dinners. This is asked so we know how much food will be needed. Thank you, ladies for your hard work and dedication to this ministry

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!!!!

CALL TO PRAYER-The Episcopal Church **Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop** invite Episcopalians to join them in prayer as they continue their discernment work leading to the election of the 28th presiding bishop next June. The nominating committee requests that congregations include this prayer in the Prayers of the People (which was included in this weeks' Prayers of the People) the Sundays between now and when the election takes place in Louisville, Kentucky, next June 26.

**THIS SUNDAY: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15**

**Aug. 20, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in
the Sanctuary & on Zoom***

Leader	Wayne Osborne
Reader	Jennifer Swinney
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani –August 20, 2023



**NEXT SUNDAY: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16**

**Aug. 27, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in
the Sanctuary & on Zoom***

Leader	Jane Padrón
Reader	Mike Rescigno
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Volunteer Please –August 27, 2023