
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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FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
September 17, 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: Gavotte in A Minor

Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 – **Exodus 14: 19-31**

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

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus, the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader:
People:

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson: **Romans 14: 1-12**

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Third Lesson- **Matthew 18: 21-35**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave

released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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:**

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| 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 |
| Linda Tornberg | Christine Vecchio-Flaim | Lisa Newman |
| Christiano Seledon | Beth Robinson-Cain | Lilla Weeks |
| Donald Wilson | Lucretia Reed | Kelly Lubeck |
| Jim Hoffman | Angela Markel | Janine Waller |
| Anne Staple | Deborah Grifa | Kristie Mancini |
| The Lewis Family | Kimberly Richmond | Joan Kielian |
| Melissa Weir & Baby | Leslie & Linley Beckbridge | Jeff Dauback |
| Roger Dominick | K. Howlett | Jackson Ricci |
| Dominick Ricci | David Wiggins | Rick Wiggins |
| Rachael Geary & Riot Jane | Charlene Parnell | Joanne Walker |

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 the Indian Ocean and their archbishop, the Most Rev. James Wong Yin Song.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Mississippi and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brian Seage.

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 Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Elmira and their priest, the Rev. Robert Adkins, and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Elmira and their priest, the Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones.

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.**

Prayer for our next Rector: Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Zion, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. **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: **411** O bless the Lord, my soul!

(THE ENLARGED MUSIC FOR THE OFFERTORY HYMN ON THE GREEN SHEET; ALSO HAS THE RECESSIONAL HYMN ON THE OTHER SIDE)

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: **410** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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: Praise and Glory

Ruth Elaine Schram

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Leader: Rick Weltz
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: Shirley Early, Linda Osborne, Lee Ann Towne, Jennifer & Zeb Swinney

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**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of the month**

NA

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 20-Mohawk Gives-Remember Zion
Sept. 23-Community Dinner Ham & Cheese sliders, sweet potato fries
& Waldorf salad
Sept. 25-Vestry Meeting 6 PM Clarke Hall**

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!!!!

**THIS SUNDAY: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19**

September 17, 2023-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

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| Leader | Wayne Osborne |
| Reader | Mike Rescigno |
| Altar Guild | Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell |
| Church Opener | Tina Rescigno-Month of September |

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20**

September 24, 2023-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

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| Leader | Jane Padrón |
| Reader | Jennifer Swinney |
| Altar Guild | Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell |
| Church Opener | Tina Rescigno-Month of September |