Zion United Methodist Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71

L: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

L: For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

P: From my birth I have leaned upon you. My praise is continually of you.

† HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if

they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

† HYMN Just as I Am, Without One Plea UMH #357

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

MESSAGE "Wait One Minute!" Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

† BENEDICTION

† Stand as you are able



Covered Dish Dinner & Mission Trip Presentation

TODAY at 5:30 pm

Please bring a side or dessert to share, Fried Chicken will be provided. Following the meal, we will learn more about the recent mission trip from Rebecca Yasky and Blake Simpson.

Lectionary for August/September 2025			
August 31	September 7	September 14	September 21
Jeremiah 2:4-13	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalm 14	Psalm 79:1-9
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 14:1, 7-14	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13

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