

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
September 19, 2021
17th Sunday After Pentecost
8:30 and 11:00 am

Prelude	“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show” Martin	Shelley Little/Woody Washam
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Lauren
Introit (11:00)	“There’s Something About That Name”	Choir
Call to Worship		
	L: God is in our midst, forming us to be God’s own people.	
	P: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.	
	L: We need not fear.	
	P: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.	
	L: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God’s own righteousness.	
	P: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.	
Hymn	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”	UMH 526
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	
Offering		
Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer		
Time Mostly for Children		Stacey Mercuri
Special Music/Anthem (11:00)	"Grace Alone"	
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10	
Sermon	“Living Stones”	Pastor Angela
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		
Hymn	“My Hope Is Built”	UMH 368
Benediction		
Postlude	“My Hope Is Built” (Reprise)	Shelley Little/Woody Washam

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Jane Smith who passed away on September 2.



Please register your attendance today by going to mtzionumc.net or scanning this Q R code.

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

“My Hope Is Built”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (*Refrain*)

Announcements

Worship hours for in person worship:

- 8:30 – Traditional Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
- 9:45 – Contemporary Worship Service on the Front Lawn (if raining, in the Sanctuary)
- 11:00 – Traditional Worship Service with Choir in the Sanctuary

Nursery – Nursery is available this Sunday during the 11:00 am service for infants through four year-olds in room 101 of the Education Building. If you would like to join our Childcare staff so that we can increase our Nursery hours for all three services, please contact Stacey Mercuri (smercuri@mtzionumc.net).

Children's Sunday School meets at 8:30 am in room 110 of the Education Building and at 9:45 am in the Outdoor Chapel area. Pickup is from the playground for each time. Both Sunday School options begin immediately following the Time Mostly for Children during the respective services.

Homecoming 2021 - It looks different this year. We are encouraging everyone to **Come Home** on September 26 and attend one of our 3 worship services. Each service will have special music with recognitions presented at the 11:00 am service. Come, learn, and celebrate the ministries of Mt. Zion. Look for tables on the front lawn. After church your family is welcome to bring food and have a picnic lunch on the front lawn.

Mt. Zion always looks forward to new members joining our church. If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a member of Mt. Zion UMC, please contact Pastor Jonathan (jmarlowe@mtzionumc.net). We would enjoy welcoming you into the membership of the church!

F.U.E.L. (Faith Used in Everyday Life) will meet this evening from 5:00-6:30 pm in the gym. Join us for games, fellowship, Bible study, and food!

Please join us each Wednesday in the Gym for Kid's Club! We will meet for one hour which will include: music, a Bible lesson, craft, and playground time where pick up will occur at 7:30 pm. All children ages 3 - 5th grade are welcome to attend over the fall for fellowship and fun!

8:30 Choir Ensemble – For those of you who are interested in singing in the new 8:30 choir ensemble, we will practice this Sunday in the choir room at 7:45 am to begin preparations for Homecoming Sunday, the 26th! You do not have to read music to be a part of this faithful group. Just bring your love for singing His praises and the willingness to participate during the 8:30 services. This will be a glorious addition to our Sunday worship experience!

Parents, Mark Your Calendars – The children are learning two songs on Wednesday evenings during music time. We are preparing to sing on Homecoming Sunday at 11:00 am during Time Mostly for Children. Please plan to attend.

Please support Sonshine Preschool by linking or relinking your Harris Teeter VIC card to Number 4635. This is the easiest fundraiser for the school, just link and we earn dollars! We only had 22 participants signed up as of last week. Please help us reach a goal of 50! You can link up to 5 schools on your VIC card. Please click [here](#) to sign up or link!

Ada Jenkins' Loaves & Fishes is currently in need of the following for their food pantry: oatmeal, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, and ground coffee. You can either bring your items to church and place them in one of two bin locations: the office area or in the Sanctuary basement level near the elevator, or you can take them directly to Ada Jenkins. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Laurie Knight at appfan1188@carolina.rr.com.

Bus Drivers Needed There is a need for a driver(s) for the big, thirty-four passenger church bus. The Older Adult group travels locally two times a year and no farther than 3 hours from the church campus. You will need a CDL license and we will help you with that process. For the Older Adult trips, the bus driver always goes completely free to the event. To inquire about this opportunity to bring smiles to our older adults, contact Dora Dalmas at 704-737-4859 or dalmas2@mi-connection.com.

Our updated prayer concerns list can be found [here](#).



We INVITE **YOU**

to

Come Home

**to Mt Zion on Sept 26, 2021 to celebrate the
Ministries of the Church together at Homecoming 2021.**

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 – 11:15 Ministry Tents on the Front Lawn – Fellowship Time together with drinks and donuts
- 9:45 Worship on the Front Lawn
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
Towel and Basin Awards/Life-Time Achievement
- 12:00 Picnic Lunch at 12:00 on the front lawn with your family

Special Music

Fellowship

New Beginnings

Recognition for Service