

HOW TO BE OR NOT BE

*the church* ✝

TO THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA  
OPEN THE DOOR AND CROSS THE THRESHOLD

**May 26, 2024**

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# 9:00am Worship Service

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Welcome & Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn & Entrance of the Light of Christ

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

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Call to Worship - Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy worldwide church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praises and Prayers

Congregational Prayer

Choir Anthem

*"Amazing Grace"*

**Mt. Zion Choir**

*arr. Tom Fettke*

Scripture Reading

**Revelation 3:14-21**

Children's Time

Sermon Hymn

*"Seek Ye First"*

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Message

**Pastor Heath Wilson**

*"To the Church in Laodicea - Open the Door and Cross the Threshold"*

Response to the Word

Offering & Offertory

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"*

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Benediction

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**Participants**

**Today**

**Next Week**

Greeters:

Genie Greenwell

Nellie Jones

Acolytes:

Bailey & Mason

Kent & Amelia

## Prayer Concerns

### May 26 thru June 5

Brain Bayer - Complete Care at Severna Park, 310 Genesis Way, Severna Park, MD  
Agnes Catterton - hospital stay, recovering from pneumonia  
Wendy Hensley - recovering from knee surgery replacement  
Debby Isaacs & Family - loss of her brother, Phil Albert  
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater  
Al MacDonald - continued strength  
Marilyn Mishou - recovering from knee surgery  
Anita Peddicord - recovery from surgery  
Billy Tucker and Bowen Family - loss of Billy's sister, Mary Tucker Bowen

### Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Leslie Ellis - health and healing  
Steve Ellis - health and healing  
Susan Fox - pancreatic cancer, showing improvement, but still more chemo  
Jeff Fullerton - recovering from a recent stroke  
Dougie Greenwell - 17-year-old with cancer  
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength  
Brian Lawler - cancer, too weak to continue treatments  
Michael Lowe - early stage of Alzheimer's  
Dawn Morgan of Lane's Bus Service died suddenly, prayers for family, and students  
Luke Nethers - 5-year-old has Leukemia and starting chemotherapy  
Riker Nolen - recovering from medication adjustments  
Danielle Reuter - family matters  
Nancy Reinhard - healing of wounds and to eat more  
Gina Richardson - home from rehab prayers to gain strength from surgery  
Harold Schlemmer - cancer has spread, new treatments, IV infusion  
Martha Sprouse - baby boy born, mom and infant have medical issues but going home soon  
Jimmy Talbert - cancer  
Mike Wilkins - treatments for throat cancer  
Linda Wright - upcoming surgery for cancer of the kidneys

## Announcements

### May 29-31- Annual Conference

Pastor Heath and Rev. Jenn will be away this coming week for Annual Conference.

### Monday, June 3-6:30pm - Congregational Meeting

There will be a **congregational meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary** to discuss what was approved at General Conference and its impact upon Mt. Zion. All members of the church are invited and all members will have voice and vote for any actions that are voted upon at this meeting. This meeting will replace the Church Council meeting that was originally scheduled for this date and time; the Church Council meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.

### Summer Breakfast Fellowship

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will need volunteers this summer to provide breakfast items and set up for our Sunday morning breakfast fellowship. The tables will need to be set-up most Sundays. You will provide the food and it can be anything you would like donuts, pastries, fruit or even We will need volunteers starting on June 2 through Sept. 1.

### Is Jesus Calling You to Serve This Summer?

We are in need of some cleaning help within the church at this time. Below is a list of what needs to be done every week, you can sign up for one or more or for multiple weeks. The cleaning can be done when you are available. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated. Please pray and consider helping where you can at this time. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

If you have any questions, you can contact Stephanie at 443-995-3416 or Pastor Heath.

### Friday, June 7 - Youth Group & Year End Family Picnic

The Youth Group will be having their last meeting before the summer break and after their meeting the families are invited to join their youth for a family picnic. Upcoming 6 grade students are invited to attend. Any questions, please email Rev. Jenn at [revjenn@mzumc.com](mailto:revjenn@mzumc.com).

### June 9 - 5-8pm - Farewell Gathering Open House for Rev. Jenn

We will be having a “Farewell Gathering Open House” for Rev. Jenn and family on Sunday, June 9 from 5:00-8:00pm. Everyone is invited! Come by for hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Let’s make this a memorable occasion and show our love and appreciation for all the years Rev. Jenn has been serving here at Mt. Zion.

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**Birthdays:** 5/31 Charlie Seibel