



HOW TO BE OR NOT BE

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TO THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS - FIRST LOVE

April 14, 2024

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

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9:00am Worship Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn & Entrance of the Light of Christ

"He Lives"

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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

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Let the Redeemed Say So"

Mt. Zion Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-7

Children's Time

Sermon Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

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Message

"How to Be or Not to Be the Church: First Love"

Pastor Heath Wilson

Response to the Word

*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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Benediction

Participants

Greeters:

Acolytes:

Today

Denise & Eddie Toney

Jessica & Harley

Next Week

Denise & Eddie Toney

Ashley & Owen

Prayer Concerns

April 14 thru April 21

Angela Cossentino - recovering well from a stroke
Wendy Hensley - recovering from knee surgery replacement
Isaacs family - loss of Rob's father, Murph Isaacs
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater
Sherrie Lofton - skin cancer surgery
Al MacDonald - leg pain
Marilyn Mishou - upcoming knee surgery
Janet & Kurt Sears family - loss of home due to a fire
Jen Simmons - partially torn MCL in left knee
Sarah Stith & family - loss of Sarah's sister, Kathleen

Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Leslie Ellis - health and healing
Steve Ellis - health and healing
Forino family - passing of Carol
Freese family- loss of Dick Freese
Susan Fox - pancreatic cancer, struggling with chemo
Jeff Fullerton - recovering from a recent stroke
Dougie Greenwell - 17-year-old with cancer
Heather Katz - prayers for a good follow-up appointment with neurologists
Kenzie - tumor is growing, being admitted to John Hopkins
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength
Brian Lawler - cancer, too weak to continue treatments
Michael Lowe - early stage of Alzheimer's
Marshal family - loss of Stuart Marshall from cancer
Martha - Praise! baby has some issues but is getting stronger, to be born in April
Matt Mattlock - Praise! knee surgery went well, pray for continued healing
Riker Nolen - strep throat and rash
Nancy Reinhard - broken leg, no surgery but long rehab
Gina Richardson - home from rehab prayers to gain strength from surgery
Harold Schlemmer - cancer has spread, new treatments, IV infusion
Mark Smith - fell and hit his head, stitches, possible blockage in his heart
Jimmy Talbert - cancer
Mike Wilkins - treatments for throat cancer
Linda Wright - cancer of the kidneys

Announcements

Sunday, April 14 - 11:40am - ASP Meeting Today

There will be an ASP meeting after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

Card Care Ministry

I am sure by now most have seen the rotating card rack in the foyer. Thank you to Kim Magruder for donating the rack and the beautiful assortment of cards.

Please feel free to choose any cards you would like to share with family or friends, including our Mt. Zion family. There is a donation box and any donations received will be used for our monthly “Lunch Bunch” luncheons.

New Membership Class Coming Soon

Pastor Heath and Rev. Jenn will be having a membership Class in the very near future. If you are interested in attending, please email pastorheath@mzumc.com or revjenn@mzumc.com. Look for the date and more details coming soon.

Wednesday, April 24 - 12:00pm - Lunch Bunch Luncheon

The first Lunch Bunch in March was a success so we are going to continue with a monthly Wednesday luncheon at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer for the April Luncheon in the next few weeks. Shepherd Pie will be the main dish provided and you can bring a side dish or dessert if you would like.

Sunday, April 28 - 4:30pm - Prince of Egypt Movie Night

Bring the family and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm to watch the movie “The Prince of Egypt”. Snacks will be served.

Church Council Meeting, Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 4 - 8am-1pm - Yard Sale on the Field of Grace

There will be a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8am – 1pm on the Field of Grace. This is a fundraiser for our ASP trip this summer. Space rentals are \$20 for a 10x10 foot space. You can rent tables for the space at \$10 (limited supply). To reserve a space, go to mzumc.com. The ASP team will also take donations of smaller items (*no larger furniture please*) to sell at a “church table”. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Joe Harrison at 410-562-6010 or at [joswharr@comcast.net](mailto:joshwarr@comcast.net) to arrange drop off or pick up.

Birthday: 4/18 Christopher Noell
Anniversary: 4/15 Sarah & Dave Stith