

Zion West Walworth United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

... Welcome Home to Zion!

Proper 21, Year B

World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 8 Pg. 743, R1

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ for the World We Sing" No. 568

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Children's Message

***Hymn:** "When Love Is Found" (v. 1, 3-5) No. 643

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon "Divorce"

Confession

We read in Hebrews that God, "for whom and through whom all things exist," made the pioneer of our salvation "perfect through suffering."

Lord Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, the lengths that you were prepared to go to, to defeat evil and to show us the depth of your love are almost too much for us to grasp. You surrendered any advantage you could have had over us in order to become as we are, and to suffer and even die for our sake.

For our sake.

So that we could live abundantly and joyfully, with your powerful life in us.

But we confess that we carry a multitude of unhealed wounds around with us, and within us.

So much of our personal landscapes are filled with the chronic pain of broken relationships and unfulfilled expectations; with emotional, spiritual and physical suffering.

Forgive us, Lord, for trying to meet our needs solely out of our own power.

Embrace our weaknesses with your strength,

Our brokenness with your wholeness,

Our suffering with your healing,

Our fears with your peace.

Remind us that when we bring our weariness and heavy burdens to you,

You will give us rest.

Lord Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, receive these our prayers, for we offer them in your name. **Amen**

Pardon

Through his suffering and death, Jesus rescued us from

lives dominated by evil and sin. He is the source of our salvation. Hear then the good news: that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory "Communion Meditation" Sr. Choir

+Hymn of Dedication "One Bread, One Body" No. 620

The Great Thanksgiving Pg. 20, Musical Setting C

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Elevation of the Bread & Cup

The Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The Sacrament of Eucharist ~ Holy Communion

(All who desire to draw close to Jesus are welcome to come and feast at the table. Come down the center aisle; kneel, sit, or stand at the altar rail; receive the bread, dip it into the cup and eat it; leave your gifts for the Walworth Food Pantry at the altar table; and return to your pew by the side aisle.)

***Hymn:** "Like a Child" No. 2092

***Blessing:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Benediction Response:** "I Come with Joy" (v. 5) No. 617

***Postlude**

* Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold print signifies a congregational response.**

Schedule of Church Events:

- Tuesday, October 6: Choir. 6:30 pm. Come one, come all! ☺
- Sunday, October 11: Confirmation Class, 10:45 am – 12 noon. (second Sunday through May)
- Tuesday, October 20: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Council of Churches Women's Retreat, at the Walworth Baptist Church, led by Bob Williams. \$10 pp, includes lunch.
- Wednesday, October 21: Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. 7:00 pm. Annual Church Conference, 7:30 pm.
- October 23-31, Red Ribbon Week (October 25 is Red Ribbon Sunday.)

- Saturday, November 7: Annual CommUNITY dinner.
- Wednesday, October 28: Quilting Ministries, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Church.
- Monday, November 16: Quilting Ministries, 6:00-9:00pm, at the Walworth Town Hall.
- Saturday, December 5: Quilting Ministries, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, at the Walworth Town Hall.
- Friday, December 11: Council of Churches Christmas Concert. 4 dozen cookies needed from Zion!
- Sunday, December 13: Cirque Dreams Holiday! 7:00pm at the Auditorium Theatre. *Balance due needs to be paid to Deb by the end of October.* (It's not too late to join the 60 of us going; there are two more tickets available - see Deb for details!) If you'd like to carpool, see Deb - we can start a list...
- January 18-25: Week of Christian Unity, with pulpit exchange on January 24.

Zion's Birthdays 10/9 - Paul Boyd, 10/9 - Tyler Miller, 10/11 - Alan M. Johnston, 10/12 - Jane Rinsem, 10/13 - Sami Boyd, 10/23 - Stacey Boyd, 10/24 - Cherilynn Miller, 10/27 - Peter Valone, 10/28 - Barbara Bilyk and Dustin Welker. Happy Birthday, all!

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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Zion's Vision: "An Energetic and Caring Community of Faith Growing in Christ and Serving in the World."

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Welcome - We are glad you are here! Zion's vision is to be "An Energetic and Caring Community of Faith Growing in Christ and Serving in the World." Our four core values are worship, music, prayer, and mission.