

8:30 AM SERVICE

As you are seated, please say a brief prayer for our worship today.

GATHERING

Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation

Rev. Tony Moreau

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Trusting Jesus Medley" arr. Ham

Shelley Little

Introit "I Am Thine, O Lord" Crosby

Shelley Little

*Call to Worship

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.
God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;
let us worship God together.

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

The Children's Time Rev. Tony Moreau
"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1 sung as children come forward and
chorus sung as children return to their seats) UMH 191

PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 15: 11, 25-30 Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe
Pastor: "The Word of God for the people of God." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon: Return Home: The Older Brother Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 15
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Offering
(Please bring your offering forward and place it in the baskets located on either side of the center aisle. Gluten free elements are available.)

Communion Music "In Christ Alone" Stanfill Shelley Little

The Prayer After Receiving and Dedication of the Offering

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH 189

SENDING OUT

*The Benediction Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe
*The Benediction Response
"Be Thou My Vision" (verse 3) UMH 451

Postlude "At Calvary" arr. Ferrin Shelley Little

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.*

*** IF YOU DESIRE TO BE SERVED COMMUNION IN YOUR PEW, PLEASE NOTIFY AN USHER.*

9:45 AM SERVICE

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...

Welcome

Song: "Open Up the Heavens"

Song: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Song: "Who You Say I Am"

Invitation to the Offering

Song: "You Say"

Passing of Peace

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Children's Time

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture: Luke 15: 11, 25-30

15 ¹¹Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"

Sermon: Return Home: The Older Brother

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD ...

Closing Song "Great In Power"

Benediction

Sending Out Music

Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe
Rev. Tony Moreau
Melanie Kalkan
Eric and Nancy Johnson
Kim Sprague
Mike Jackson
Jason Suggs

Message
Worship Leader
Praise Team Leader
Hospitality Ministry
Sacred Arts Ministry
Sound Board
PowerPoint

(Please feel free to sit as needed.)

11:00 AM SERVICE

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Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation

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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Spirit of God" Smith

Julie Jones/Shelley Little

Introit "I Am Thine, O Lord" Crosby

Chancel Choir

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The Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Song "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Van Der Pol

Julie Jones/Shelley Little

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

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The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Anthem "Wondrous Love Medley" arr. Greer Chancel Choir

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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Reception of New Members

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*The Benediction Response
"Be Thou My Vision" (verse 3) UMH 451

Postlude "At Calvary" arr. Ferrin Julie Jones/Shelley Little

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Prayer Concerns

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Each member of the Body of Christ is a valued and important part of the mission and ministries of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. We are followers of Jesus Christ who said we would be known as disciples by the way we love one another. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 4:17)

These are characteristics we strive for:

To be faithful to the church in our prayers, presence, gifts, service and Christian example.

To be models of the highest Christian ideals and values, through the gifts of grace, mercy, and good will.

Speak the truth in love; listen with open hearts and minds.

Build up the church in everything we say and do.

Be responsible and accountable for our own behavior showing compassion, integrity and love.

To encourage an inclusive spirit to everyone, honoring different opinions as blessings. To always honor our mutual love for Christ and the witness of our church.

To make decisions based on God's vision for the whole church.

To practice and encourage one-on-one reconciliation, and forgiveness in all things.

To be strong when facing adversity, holding to Christian faith and unity.

It is central to our fellowship to give priority to Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12).

We honor His prayer for the disciples; that "they may become completely one so that the world might know that I was sent from You." (John 17:23)

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Child Care: Available on Sunday mornings with a well trained staff for children age 4 or younger. It is located on the lower level of the Education Building in rooms 101/103.

Bathrooms: Located on the lower level in the Sanctuary. Located up the ramp in the Family Life Center Gym.

Guests: Please fill out a Green "Guest Card" and drop it in the offering or bring it to a Welcome Station. We would love to be in touch with you and give you more information about the church.

On-line Giving
[www.mtzionumc.net/
on-line-giving](http://www.mtzionumc.net/on-line-giving)



To receive weekly updates on all church happenings including sympathy notices please email info@mtzionumc.net to be put on our emailing list.

Today

EMMAUS REUNION GROUP - The Mt. Zion Emmaus Reunion Group will be gathering for our second meeting **TODAY at noon in the Parlor.** Hope to see you!

Monday and Tuesday

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our Lenten study as we focus on one of our beloved Biblical characters – Simon Peter. We will be using Adam Hamilton's book *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*. The Lenten study will CONTINUE on **Monday, March 18th at 10 AM and Tuesday, March 19th at 7 PM and will meet on Monday mornings and Monday or Tuesday evenings through April 15th** in the Education Building Room 209. Contact Pastor Angela @ amarlowe@mtzionumc.net with any questions. Come and learn as we journey through Lent with Simon Peter.

Tuesday

MOMS (MOTHERS OFFERING MUTUAL SUPPORT) will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at 7 PM at Waterbean Coffee in Huntersville (NOTE NEW LOCATION). All MOM'S are invited.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP continues this Wednesday, March 20th. Join Pastor Tony as he leads us on a Lenten Journey.

KIDS CLUB @ THE MOUNT/MUSIC WITH MS. SHELLEY-continues **Wednesday night @ 6:30 PM in Room 201.** Children will be practicing for a spring musical along with having Bible time and fellowship.

Thursday

HANDBELLS continues this **Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Bell Room** to prepare for the upcoming season. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact

slittle@mtzionumc.net

Saturday

MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANT MEETING - If you are signed up for ASP or the Middle School mission trip, we are having a mandatory meeting, **March 23 at 9:00 AM-Noon** in the Education Building Room 204.

PARADE OF TABLES - Ladies, Parade of Tables is coming up on **March 23rd**. This is a wonderful luncheon with beautiful themed decorations and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$15. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to support Children's and Women's Ministries. If you would like to attend or join us as a hostess, please email mzwoz1@gmail.com or call the church office to purchase a ticket.

MORE HAPPENINGS

THE ROOM IN THE INN - Mt. Zion participates during the winter months in partnership with the Urban Ministry Center. Every first and third Tuesday night from December to March we will provide housing and food for 10 people who are homeless. **WE HAVE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR an Inn Keeper ON this Tuesday, MARCH 19TH!** Please contact Richard Little at 704-516-9761 or littledeepcove@aol.com if you can help! Thank you in advance.

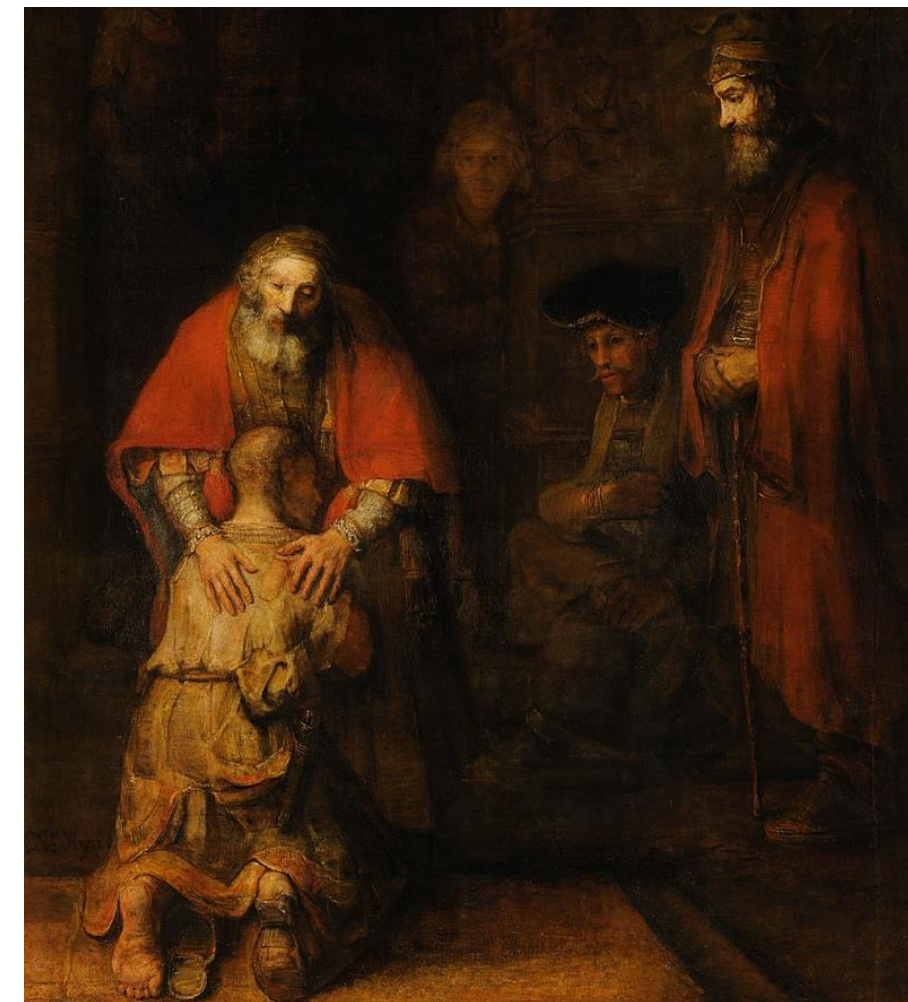
ADULT TRAVEL MINISTRIES- Adult Travel Ministry Trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Longwood Gardens and Philadelphia! May 6 - 10, 2019. 5 days, 4 nights. \$790 per person- Final payment Due Today! Please make your check payable to Mt. Zion UMC, put Philly in the memo section. For more information, contact Dora Dalmas at dalmas2@miconnection.com

BBQ BOSTON BUTTS - Troop 10 is again pre-selling BBQ Boston Butts (Pork shoulder). Please contact any Troop 10 Scout or complete an order form that can be found in the church bulletin or any Sunday School Classroom. ALL pre-orders must be turned in by **April 2, 2019.** Order yours today, and enjoy some yummy Troop 10 BBQ for your Palm Sunday Brunch.

D-NOW FOR YOUTH - April 5-7 (Discipleship Now) is a local gathering of youth from area churches including Community in Christ Lutheran, Huntersville First Baptist, Huntersville Presbyterian, and Huntersville United Methodist. Students will participate in local mission work, passionate worship, and awesome fellowship. **Cost:** \$65. Hosted by North Meck Youth Pastors. Email hharris@mtzionumc.net to register.

EASTER BASKETS - This will be our 7th year of providing **Easter baskets for the After School Children at Ada Jenkins Center.** This will be a great opportunity for families and classes to help in this project. There are two ways to help: Create your own basket or donate \$15.00 for us to purchase one for you. **You can do this by dropping off your baskets at the Church Office or on Sunday mornings on the table in the Family Life Center prior to April 12th.** If you have any questions, please contact Tom Russell 704-507-2493 or tr.moisturewarranty@gmail.com Checks should be made out to **Mt. Zion and designated in the memo area for Easter Baskets.**

SUMMER CAMPS- Sonshine Preschool is happy to announce Summer Camps this year! "Wild, Wild, West" – May 28 – 31 "Under the Big Top" – June 3 - 6 All camps will run 9:00am – 1:00pm. Each camp is \$130.00. **Children must be 2, 3 or 4 by August 31, 2018 to enroll. Deadline for Summer Camp registration is April 15.** We hope to see you this summer! Please contact the preschool @ 704-892-0654 for more info.



Rembrandt Rijn, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, c. 1661-1669, Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg.



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March 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Thank you for sharing in our worship

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion

Located in the Sanctuary

9:45 AM Praise and Worship Service

Located in the Family Life Center

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Located in the Sanctuary