

8:30 AM SERVICE

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

GATHERING

Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation Rev. Lauren Hill

Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Smith/Hustad Washam/Little

\*Call to Worship

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

\*Hymn “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

The Children’s Time Rev. Lauren Hill  
“Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1 sung as children come forward  
and chorus sung as children return to their seats)

Recognition of Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers

PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Luke 10:38-42  
Pastor: “The Word of God for the people of God.” People: “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon Mary and Martha: A Story about Prayer Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering  
(Please bring your offering forward and place it in the baskets. Gluten free elements are available.)

Communion Music “Fairest Lord Jesus” Smith Woody Washam/Shelley Little

The Prayer After Receiving and Dedication of the Offering

\*Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SENDING OUT

\*The Benediction Rev. Jonathan Marlowe  
\*The Benediction Response “Be Thou My Vision” (verse 3)

Postlude “Christ For the World We Sing” Giardini Woody Washam

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

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

9:45 AM SERVICE

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

Gathering and Announcements

Worship Music

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace/Children’s Time

Recognition of Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers

Scripture Luke 10:38-42

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Sermon Mary and Martha: A Story about Prayer

Closing Song

Benediction

**\*\*As we are singing, members of the hospitality team will come around with baskets. You may place your offering in the basket at that time. Please feel free to sit as needed.**

Celebrations and Concerns

The Altar Flowers in the Family Life Center are to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles and Pauline Osborne, given by Renny Osborne.

Prayer Concerns: Judy Aho, Shirley Brown, Gail Brackett, Minerva Bullock, Day Case, Lou Casaletto, Bobby Cavin, Ruby Cook, Ritchie Crump, Lamont Donaldson, Ed Houston, Pat Houston, Lilyan Hunter, Arnold Isaacs, Rita Kale, Lee Kyle, Jimmy Lassiter, Avery Masters, Heck McAlister, Mary McAlister, Sandy McCall, Doug Miller, Martha Miller, Jane Molle, Darrell Murray, Linda Nance, Nancy Neal, Diana Russell, Hailey Schwab, Phyllis Sherrill, Kay Sims, Alina Sossamon, Miles Taylor, Sam Westmoreland, Rodney Whisnant, Todd Wissinger.

**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 up the ramp in the Family Life Center Gym.

**Guests:** Please fill out a Green “Guest Card” (located in the attendance pad) 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)



**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS** are available for all three services -They are located on the bag tree in the rear of the Family Life Center. Please return them at the end of the service.

11:00 AM SERVICE

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

GATHERING

Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation Rev. Lauren Hill

Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Smith/Hustad Washam/Little

\*Call to Worship

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

\*Hymn “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

The Children’s Time Rev. Lauren Hill  
“Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1 sung as children come forward  
and chorus sung as children return to their seats)

The Giving of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory Song “Fairest Lord Jesus” Smith  
Woody Washam/Shelley Little

\*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Recognition of Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers

PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “Come Christians, Join to Sing” Bateman Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 10:38-42  
Pastor: “The Word of God for the people of God.” People: “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon Mary and Martha: A Story about Prayer Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SENDING OUT

\*The Benediction Rev. Jonathan Marlowe  
\*The Benediction Response “Be Thou My Vision” (verse 3)

Postlude “Christ For the World We Sing” Giardini Woody Washam

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY RENOVATION** - The renovation project in the Sanctuary is on schedule and the contractors should complete their work in a few weeks and then we will begin the task of moving everything back into the Sanctuary and preparing it for worship. **With this in mind, our first Sunday back in the Sanctuary will be for Homecoming on September 22nd. On this day we will have one service at 10:30 AM.** If you would like to contribute to the renovation fund, you may make a check to the church and mark it "renovation fund." **While these renovations are taking place, we ask that younger folk park near the Sanctuary and leave the parking places near the gym for those who are less mobile. We will also have the church mini-bus pick up people after Sunday School at the south end of the educational building near the ramp and take them “down the hill” to the gym. The same bus will take people "up the hill" after the 11:00 service.**

THIS WEEK

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** has resumed on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 in the Choir Room. We always have room for Y-O-U! and we would love to add voices to our tenor and bass sections. Come join us!

**BABYGARTEN** - Babygarten will be held on Wednesday and Saturday mornings through October 5<sup>th</sup> from **10:00 to 11:00 AM** in room 201 in the Education Building.

**TESTIFY** (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth) will resume **September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.**

**F.U.E.L** (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth) will resume **September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center from 3:30 PM to 6 PM.** NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. We will have a COLOR WAR!! Look forward to seeing everyone! **There will be a combined Praise and Worship Session for Testify and Youth from 3:30 - 4:00.**

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** - We are excited to tell you about a new Women’s Bible Study that will kick off on **September 10!** We will be diving in to *Determined: Living Like Jesus in Every Moment*. This book is a study of the Gospel of Luke that follows the life and ministry of Jesus, and the choices he made, as he made his way to the cross. Through this study, we will ask ourselves, “How can we live intentionally and experience abundant life every day, making the most of every moment?” Please join us beginning on **Tuesday September 10 from 10:00-11:30** as we begin this journey. Our first meeting will be a breakfast meeting (so bring something to share) and an orientation session. You may pick up your book in the church office. The cost of the book is \$12.85.

**MOMENTS ON THE MOUNT** begins **September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Moments on the Mount at Mt. Zion will include activities for all ages.

- **Children can participate in Kid’s Club and Music with Ms. Shelley from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.**
- **Our Moments on the Mount for Adults (6:40 PM – 7:30 PM)** will include a time of worship, singing, teaching and preaching. All with the intent of praising God and learning more about God’s word for us today. Topics for the fall will begin with the Book of Revelation for about 5 weeks and then move on to the Psalms.
- **BIBLE STUDY** - Also beginning on **Thursday September 12, a time of Bible Study will be held at 11 AM in Room 209.** We will learn about the same material presented on Wednesday night with more time for discussion beginning with the Book of Revelation.

**HIS MINISTRY – JUST AS I AM** – will kick off its third year on **September 15<sup>TH</sup> at 4:30** in the Hut. (Note the date change for September)

**ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH STORYTELLER & MUSICIAN ED KILBOURNE** - On **Sunday, September 29,** Ed Kilbourne will lead our morning worship services, followed by a concert that evening at **5:00 PM in the Family Life Center. On Monday September 30 through Wednesday October 2,** Ed will lead the Adult Vacation Bible School each morning. We will gather in the Family Life Center at **9:30 AM for registration and fellowship with the Bible School sessions to follow from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. We will offer a lunch each day.** We are excited about this event and hope that you will be able to join us! RSVP to [lhill@mtzionumc.net](mailto:lhill@mtzionumc.net) or by calling the church office by **Monday, September 23.**

**SONSHINE PRESCHOOL** - Please pray for the children and the staff as we started a wonderful new school year on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Remember to link your Harris Teeter Vic Card to Sonshine Preschool (TIE #4635).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED** - Are you feeling a call to journey alongside children on their faith journey? We learn so much from teaching children and the Children’s Ministry at Mt. Zion needs you! We ask you to prayerfully consider being a lead teacher or assistant **for preschool age through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** on Sunday mornings once a month beginning in September from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. It is a small time commitment that yields big and eternal rewards for the children and for you! Please contact Stacey Mercuri @ [smercuri@mtzionumc.net](mailto:smercuri@mtzionumc.net) or Brittany Morris @ [bmorris@mtzionumc.net](mailto:bmorris@mtzionumc.net).

**The Neighborhood C.A.R.E. Center** (19711 Smith Circle, Cornelius) is looking for tutors from all area churches to support their Learning Zone program. The program runs every Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:15 PM and is aimed to help students sharpen their academic skills and improve their grades (in addition to a devotion and some play time). They are asking for a commitment of serving twice a month during the school year. If this is something that you would like to participate in, or learn more about, please contact Christa Johnson at [cjbjandtasha@hotmail.com](mailto:cjbjandtasha@hotmail.com) or (704) 840-4467.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Agape (Special Needs) Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Needed Immediately Please contact Stacey Mercuri @ [smercuri@mtzionumc.net](mailto:smercuri@mtzionumc.net) if you are interested in helping.

Staff	
Senior Pastors	
Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe	<a href="mailto:amarlowe@mtzionumc.net">amarlowe@mtzionumc.net</a>
Rev. Jonathan Marlowe	<a href="mailto:jmarlowe@mtzionumc.net">jmarlowe@mtzionumc.net</a>
Associate Pastor	
Rev. Lauren Hill (336-250-1737)	<a href="mailto:lhill@mtzionumc.net">lhill@mtzionumc.net</a>
Director of Music Ministries	
Shelley Little	<a href="mailto:slittle@mtzionumc.net">slittle@mtzionumc.net</a>
Assistant Director of Music Ministries	
Melanie Kalkan	<a href="mailto:mkalkan@mtzionumc.net">mkalkan@mtzionumc.net</a>
Coordinator of Children’s Ministries	
Stacey Mercuri	<a href="mailto:smercuri@mtzionumc.net">smercuri@mtzionumc.net</a>
Director of Youth Ministries	
Brittany Morris	<a href="mailto:bmorris@mtzionumc.net">bmorris@mtzionumc.net</a>
Financial Treasurer/Office Administrator	
Patti Loner	<a href="mailto:ploner@mtzionumc.net">ploner@mtzionumc.net</a>
Communications Coordinator	
Kelly Fellows	<a href="mailto:kfellows@mtzionumc.net">kfellows@mtzionumc.net</a>
Administrative Assistant	
Mary Ellen Westmoreland	<a href="mailto:mwestmoreland@mtzionumc.net">mwestmoreland@mtzionumc.net</a>
Part Time Assistant	
Ginny Wilkins	<a href="mailto:gwilkins@mtzionumc.net">gwilkins@mtzionumc.net</a>
Preschool Director	
Kim Webb	<a href="mailto:sonshinepre@mtzionumc.net">sonshinepre@mtzionumc.net</a>
Preschool Assistant Director	
Cathy Wiese	<a href="mailto:sonshinepre@mtzionumc.net">sonshinepre@mtzionumc.net</a>



Mt. Zion  
United Methodist Church

“Making, Maturing, Mobilizing  
Disciples for Christ”  
19600 Zion Avenue Cornelius, NC 28031  
704-892-8566 [www.mtzionumc.net](http://www.mtzionumc.net)  
September 8, 2019  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
Thank you for sharing in our worship

SUNDAY SERVICES  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion  
Family Life Center  
9:45 AM Praise and Worship Service  
Family Life Center  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service  
Family Life Center