

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 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Smith/Hustad
Woody Washam/Shelley Little

Introit "I Come With Joy" Shelley Little

*Call to Worship

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*Hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (verses 1, 4, 5) UMH 371

*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 15:17-27; 2 Corinthians 4:5-7
Pastor: "The Word of God for the people of God." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon: Returning Home: The Servants Rev. Jonathan 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. Persons wishing to do so may leave a communion offering at the altar rail for our Helping Hands Fund.)

Communion Music "Lenten Reflections" Wilson/Conkey Washam/Little

The Prayer After Receiving and Dedication of the Offering

*Hymn "I Surrender All" (versus 1, 3, 5) UMH 354

SENDING OUT

*The Benediction
*The Benediction Response
"Now Let Us from This Table Rise" (verse 1) UMH 634

Postlude "Faithfulness" Runyon Woody Washam

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Gathering and Announcements

Worship Music

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Scripture: Luke 15:17-27; 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Luke 15: 17-27

But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now 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."

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

Sermon: Returning Home: The Servants Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

Holy Communion with Offering

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Closing Song

Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Marlowe
Rev. Tony Moreau
Melanie Kalkan
Rick and Silvia Earp
Debbie Jackson
Mike Jackson
Jason Suggs

Message
Worship Leader
Praise Team Leader
Hospitality Ministry
Sacred Arts Ministry
Sound Board
Power Point

(Please feel free to sit as needed.)

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Celebrations and Concerns

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to Torrie Thompson and family on the death of her mother, Mary B. House Jones, on March 25, 2019.

Prayer Concerns: Judy Aho, Gail Brackett, Minerva Bullock, Jerry Bustard, Day Case, Lou Casaletto, Bobby Cavin, Ruby Cook, Ritchie Crump, Lamont Donaldson, Ron Eller, Lilyan Hunter, Pat Houston, Arnold Isaacs, Lee Kyle, Avery Masters, Heck McAlister, Mary McAlister, Sandy McCall, Doug Miller, Martha Miller, Jane Molle, Darrell Murray, Linda Nance, Nancy Neal, Diana Russell, Pat Sappington, Hailey Schwab, Phyllis Sherrill, Rev. Tom Sigmon, Kay Sims, Alina Sossamon, Sam Westmoreland, Rodney Whisnant, Todd Wissinger.



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/online-giving



Announcements

Tonight

DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are interested in helping build decorations for this year's Vacation Bible School, the first building session is Today, **April 7th from 3:30-5:30 PM.** Contact Stacey Mercuri at smercuri@mtzionumc.net if you have any questions.

FUEL – NO FUEL TONIGHT – However if you are signed up for ASP and missed the meeting on March 23rd we are having a mandatory meeting, TODAY at 4 to 5:30 PM in the Youth Room.

Monday

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our Lenten study as we focus on one of our beloved Biblical characters – Simon Peter. The Lenten study will CONTINUE on **Monday, April 8th at 10 AM and 7 PM and will meet through April 15th** in the Education Building Room 209. Contact Pastor Angela @ amarlowe@mtzionumc.net with any questions.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP continues this **Wednesday, April 10th.** 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 Bible time and fellowship.

Saturday

OUR COMMUNITY WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT will be **April 13th from 11 AM to 1 PM** on the front lawn. In the event of rain, the location will be moved to the Family Life Center. Lunch will be served.

MORE HAPPENINGS

PALM SUNDAY REMINDER April 14 - All children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Processional at all services.

FRESH CUT FLOWERS – April 21 - We will be continuing the Easter Tradition of having a flowering cross as part of the Easter celebration. Everyone is invited to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to each service. For those that do not have flowers in their yard, extra flowers will be available.

EASTER BASKET MISSION - This will be our 7th year of providing **Easter baskets for the After School Children at Ada Jenkins Center.** There are two ways to help: Create your own basket or donate \$15.00 for us to purchase one for you. **You can drop 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.**

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL - "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." The children and staff of Sonshine Preschool are excited to help lead and join you in worship during **Preschool Sunday, April 28, 11:00 AM.**

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL is still growing. God is GREAT! We have a few spots available in our three year old classes for the 2019 – 2020 preschool year. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool where young children play, learn and grow in God's love, please tell them to contact the preschool office.

ELEMENTARY AND PRESCHOOL MUSIC & ART CAMP will be June 17th – 20th in the Education Building from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. **Registration** for participants and volunteers: vbspro.events/p/music-art19. Space is limited to the first 50 children that are signed up. After that a wait list will be created.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (ROAR!) will be June 24th – 27th in the evenings. "Life is Wild...God is Good!" **Registration** for all participants and volunteers: vbspro.events/p/mtzvbs19.

ADULT TRAVEL MINISRIES: The Oberammergau Passion Play, Switzerland and Bavarian Germany, August 7 - 15, 2020. More details are available in the April Newsletter. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis and there is a Sign-up Bonus if you reserve by May 10. For a full brochure or any questions, please contact Dora Dalmas at 704-737-4859 or at dalmas2@mi-connection.com.

FUEL (6TH – 12TH grade youth) WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU - We want to personally thank you for your support of the giving tree. Together we raised over \$7,000. We're honored and blessed with the generosity. The support the congregation showed will make a big difference in the work FUEL is doing in the community. Without cheerful givers, our youth group would not have an impact or influence in our community. Through your support, we're sending over 56 people on mission trips this summer.



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



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April 7, 2019

FIFTH 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

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