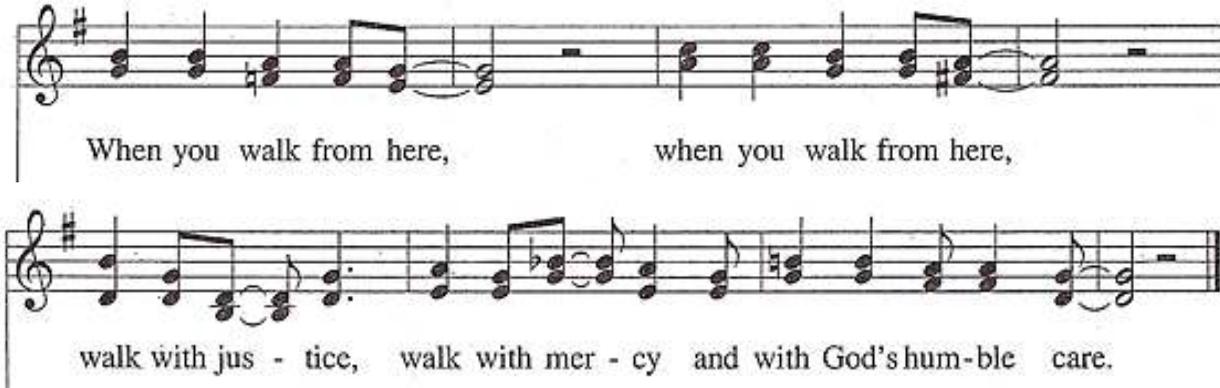


CLOSING SONG: *When You Walk From Here* (sing 3 times)

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When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with jus - tice, walk with mer - cy and with God's hum-ble care.

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

■ Please silence all cell phones during worship service. Thank you.

■ **Becoming a member of Zion...** We would love having you as part of our Zion family. Indicate your interest on the "Welcome..." pad and list your mailing address and phone number. *Please contact the church office for membership information.*

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Sunday, September 13, 2020



15th Sunday
after Pentecost

PLEASE RESERVE parking spaces near the shelter for the handicapped and for service participants. County Park authorities request church attendees not park in the campground or along the road entering the campground. **LISTEN** to service on radio station **FM 89.9**.

GREETING

OPENING SONG: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

- 1 **Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2 **Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**
- 4 **Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**
- 5 **Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

OPENING SENTENCES

All creation sings this day, **Waves resound in praise;**
Trees sway with joy, **Flowers bloom with laughter.**
All creation shouts for joy,
For families and friends are gathering,
Hearts are saying "yes" to God,
And the community of faith is expanding its circle.
All creation rejoices --
Sun glows with heavenly light;

Wind whispers prayers of thanks;
Earth warms to bring forth spring delights,
And we join the chorus of saints and stars in praising God.
Praise God!

MORNING PRAYER

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING ~ Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

MORNING GOSPEL ~ Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him

the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Scott Ludford

MORNING OFFERING

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of
Zion respond to God's goodness with gifts to support our mission.
The QR code is provided for those who prefer e-giving.*



SPECIAL MUSIC ~ To God Be the Glory Jill Sousek, keyboard

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in a living God, creator of all humankind, who has created and
recreates the entire universe by power and love.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, my Savior and Lord.

**Because of his life, work, suffering and death, I know who I am and
what I can become through Christ.**

**I believe God is present with me always and can be experienced in prayer,
the Word, and the community of believers. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**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 and ever. Amen.**