

Zion West Walworth United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m. ... Welcome Home to Zion!
Proper 24, Year B

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalter, Pg. 826, with R

***Opening Hymn:** "Ye Servants of God" No. 181

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 5:1-10

Anthem "Let My Life Praise You"

Children's Message

***Hymn:** "The Servant Song" No. 2222

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon "Are We Able?"

Confession

Jesus said to his disciples that lording it over others is unacceptable and that "... whoever wishes to become great must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first must be the slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

Jesus, friend, savior, we confess that all too often we find pleasure in lording it over others – even here in church – and we need to hear you speak these words about the true meaning of greatness directly to us. Unclog our ears and tenderize our hearts so that your words enliven our discipleship; that we put the needs of others before our own; that we share what we have rather than hoarding it for ourselves; that we use our gifts to benefit others rather than to increase our own status and position. (silent reflection)

Lord Jesus, keep reminding us that following you means emptying ourselves of all self-serving power and filling ourselves with the desire to serve others as willingly as you did.

Forgive any reluctance on our part to follow your example;

Replace any selfish behavior on our part with your inclusive love, your compassion and your humility.

Have mercy and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) And so, "he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." (Hebrews 5:9b) The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

Offering / Offertory

***Doxology** "Give Thanks" No. 2036

***The Lord's Prayer** No. 895

***Hymn:** "Glorious Things of..." (v. 1-2, 4) No. 731

*Blessing:

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name,

- and may God prosper all the works of your hands,

- may the Spirit sustain you in all your labor,

- and may the love of Christ Jesus abide in you and flow forth from you both now and forevermore. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Benediction Response:** "Make Me a Servant" No. 2176

*Postlude

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

Schedule of Church Events:

- Today - Youth Band Practice!
- 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.
- Tuesday, October 20: Choir. 6:30 pm. Come one, come all! ☺
- 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.)
- Wednesday, October 28: Quilting Ministries, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Church.
- Saturday, November 7: Annual CommUNITY dinner.
- Sunday, November 8: Confirmation Class, 10:45 am – 12 noon. (second Sunday through May)

- Monday, November 16: Quilting Ministries, 6:00-9:00pm, at the Walworth Town Hall.
- Thursday, November 19: Third Thursday Soup & Bread, 6:00 pm.
- 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 10/23 - Stacey Boyd, 10/24 - Cherilynn Miller, 10/27 - Peter Valone, 10/28 - Barbara Bilyk and Dustin Welker, 11/6 - Mark Johnston, 11/10 - Nicholas Goddard, 11/13 - John Plotzker, 11/13 - Nicole Bilyk, 11/18 - Laura Welker, 11/20 - Jenny Woods, 11/26 - Sally Welker, 11/29 - Blair Germain, 11/30 - Ben Comeau, 12/1 - Deb Hotto, 12/2 - Peg Giles and Matthew Johnston, 12/3 - Tiffany Gregoire, 12/4 - Darlene Werlau, 12/8 - Carl Priest, 12/11 - Faye Willis, 12/15 - Jana Hodgkins, 12/18 - Nancy Granger, 12/25 - Harold DeWitt, 12/28 - Kathleen Frauel. Happy Birthday, all!

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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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.