

Zion Mennonite Church

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Trusting in God's hope for our future, we meet God in rich and meaningful worship, nurture each generation to grow in faith, and serve the needs of others in love, here and around the world; as a beacon of God's love, we invite all people to join our family as we joyfully live together with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Gathering and Praising

Prelude: *In Christ There is no East or West*

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymns:** #50 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

*Call to Worship

L: Today we ask for faith that will open us to see Jesus for who he is,

P: Open our eyes to see his glory,

L: Open our ears to hear his wisdom,

P: Open our mouths to sing his praise,

ALL: Open our hearts to worship him fully.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
we are grateful for all that you have done,
for all that you are doing,
and for all that you will do.
Open our eyes to see your presence among us,
Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—
Grant us the power and the courage
to come out of the darkness
and into the light of Jesus Christ,
that we may serve you by serving others, Amen.

Hymn: STJ #54 Longing for Light

Hearing God's Story

Scripture: John 9:1-17, 34-38

Children's Story: Open Wide!

Message: Check Your Blindspots

Responding

Hymn: #514 Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly

Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the people

Offering

Offertory: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

***Doxology:** #119

Sending & Benediction:

*Sending Words:

Go, filled with God's redemptive love,
remembering to carry the light of Christ with you.
Go, with hearts full and eyes open!

* **Hymn:** #478 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Postlude

Worship Participants

Pianist: Laura Krehbiel

Worship Leader: Dave Petersen

Children's Story: Laura Krehbiel

Interim Pastor: Pam Unruh

Usher: Dolores Koller

Calendar of Church Events

- Oct 1 2:00 p.m. Crop Hunger Walk at West Point Presbyterian
- Oct 2 2:30 p.m. Bingo at Donnellson Health Center
- Oct 8 9:30 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
- Oct 8 5-7 p.m. Chili Cook-off: Hurricane Relief fundraiser
- Oct 28 3:00 p.m. Maurine Krebill Celebration of life service

Pam's church office hours this week:
Wednesday 1-5 p.m. & Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Or other times if needed; Pam's cell phone: 319-750-3091.)

The Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction for Hurricane Relief is next Sunday, October 8! Please support the Vision Committee in this project, designed to help us connect with our community as we share our mission to *serve the needs of others in love, here and around the world*. Please take some invitations home with you (on back table) and invite your neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends!

October 12 is SENIOR DAY at CCCC with musician and storyteller Paul Siebert. Hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska; Paul travels a five state area sharing music and stories. You are likely to hear a song you love on one of his 8 instruments. Come to Crooked Creek Camp to tap your toes and clap your hands as you listen to Paul lighten your day! Open to whoever wants to have a fun day; register at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day.html>

