

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-3a,11-13

Message: "There Is Hope"

Offering: Blessed Assurance

Closing Song: Whom Shall I Fear

Blessing

WE HAVE a Family Room available for parents with babies and small children where you can watch the live-stream of the worship service while comforting a baby or giving a restless toddler a little extra space to move around for part of the worship service. The Family Room is across from the nursery. Upon exiting the sanctuary/worship gathering space, turn right and it is the first room on your right.

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST: Barb Overweg is recovering from the ablation that was done on the right side of her back last Monday. Pray for those in our congregation who have ongoing health issues.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder. Member Care Districts by Elder are listed on the bulletin board by the nursery. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Tom MacGraw at (616) 315-7938. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

TWO CAMPING SPOTS have opened up for Zion's family camping weekend (September 22-24) at Dunes Harbor. If you are interested contact Pastor Rick or Jonell. If you already signed up, an information letter has been placed in your Zion mailbox. Also, a sign up for food has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. Please take a minute to review it and sign up before the end of July.

OUR First Impressions Team is looking for volunteers to make coffee, serve as an usher, greeter, or to help at the child check in station. All of these tasks are very easy, require minimal time commitment and you can pick your own schedule! Click here to sign-up through Sign-Up-Genius or call Connie in the church office at 616-534-7533 ext. 3 and she can help you with scheduling!

PASTOR STEVE'S last Sunday with us is August 13. Following the worship service we will celebrate him and his service to Zion with ice cream sundaes. We encourage you to write a card or note of thanks and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary and we will present them to him on August 13. (Blank cards are available in the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.)

HELP STUFF THE BUS! We have partnered with Love Your Neighbor to provide backpacks and supplies for their Stuff The Bus campaign. Tags that show what is needed for each bag will be on a table in the narthex. Please return the bag, supplies, and tag by Sunday, August 13 See Tom MacGraw if you have any questions.

THREADS CLOTHING MINISTRY is having a huge end of the season sale on Saturday, August 12 from 9am-1pm. All summer clothing, shoes, and accessories (newborn through adult sizes) are priced at \$1 each. 100% of the profit from this sale is used to purchase new clothing needs for this ministry. This sale is open to the public. Please help spread the word about the sale and follow us on facebook and instagram (threadsclothingministry) for more information about Threads.

WE ARE STILL collecting toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste through the end of August to meet our goal of providing toothbrushes and toothpaste to all of our Personal Care Pantry, Hand2Hand, and Threads participants in September. Donations can be placed in the Personal Care Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION KIDS has switched over to our summer programming. Through Sept 3, we will hold one combined class each week for kids ages 3yrs old through 3rd grade. We will sing songs, watch a Bible story video, pray together and have some playtime while service is happening in the sanctuary. Children should check in at the child check in station each week as usual.

THIS WEEK TODAY

10:50 AM Town Hall Meeting

MONDAY

6:00PM Personal Care Pantry

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

SATURDAY

10:00AM "Get to Know" Gathering

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 23, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$92,343.60 General Fund: \$7,817.45 Year to Date Contribution: \$80,374.60

Message Notes

"There is Hope!" Isaiah 43:1-3a,11-13

The context and content of Isaiah 43

- 1. The context
- 2. The hope found in Isaiah 43

He created you

He formed you - Psalm 139:13-14

He redeemed you

He protects you - Isaiah 43:2

3. Our hope is only through Jesus Christ (vss. 11-13)

How do we hold on to hope in the midst of the hopelessness?

- 1. Remember the big _____
- 2. Remember what Jesus has _____

Practical ways God helps us in times of fear

- 1. He is _____ us
- 2. He is _____
- 3. He is

Application questions:

- 1. What in your life is currently threatening to steal your joy and hope?
- 2. How can you see God at work and find hope in the midst of life's challenges, transitions and disappointments?
- 3. Who can you come alongside and encourage? How can you share the hope you have in Christ with them?