

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
AUGUST 6, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People.

GATHERING

Prelude: "Baba Yetu" (Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

Stellenbosch (South Africa) University Choir

Gathering Song: "Turn, Turn, Turn" The Byrds

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Luke 12:32-40)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

Listen for the word of God. Strive to understand Christ's teachings. For this indeed is our treasure. May it light our paths and make us ready to take action.

God, you come to us at unexpected times and in unexpected places. With our lamps lit, we will walk by faith. Amen.

A reading from Luke: ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song – “Be Not Afraid” – John Michael Talbot

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Generous God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice, and be your light in the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Note: Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers at this time.)

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer,
offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

A Prayer for World Peace

We share a prayer for peace: **Dear Lord, there is so much going on in the world ... So much that is upsetting and beyond my control. Please help me to cast my cares on you. Help me to turn my worry time into prayer time.**

Please help all who are dealing with tragedies, illness, Adversity and losses. Please put your angels about those who are in harm's way. Please pour out your blessings on all who are in need And help us all to find your peace that passes Understanding. Thank you for being with me each moment of this day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The sending

Sung together: "Go My Children" - Koine

Benediction

And all God's people say **Thanks be to God.**