

**Eighteenth Sunday
after
Pentecost
September 26, 2021**



Esther goes unbidden to King Ahasuerus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The Holy One calls us to trust God's steadfast love. With our ancestor Abraham, we say:

C: "Here I am."

L: The Holy One calls us to be guided by prophets. With the first followers of Jesus, we say:

C: "Here I am."

L: The Holy One calls us into eternal life. With the Gospel writers, we say:

C: "Here I am."

L: Let us worship the God who calls us.

C: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: "We Gather Together" UMH 131

***OFFERING PRAYER**

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20..... Susan Robinson

L: These are the words of God for the people of God

C: Thanks Be to God

ANTHEM..... Choir

THE STORY OF ESTHER Pastor Tonya

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Esther 4:9-16..... Susan Robinson

L: These are the words of God for the people of God

C: Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE: *Old Testament Giants - Esther, For Such a Time as This*..... Pastor Tonya

*HYMN: "Thy Word Is a LAMP" UMH 601

PRAISE & PRAYER CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH 454

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Parks, Sr. and Mrs. Frances Brooks
by their granddaughters and nieces, Carol Ann & Betsy Parks.

**Would you like to be more involved at Zion UMC?
Here are some opportunities!**

Greeters: Do just what the word says...greet people and handout bulletins on Sunday mornings beginning about 10:30/10:40 a.m. and until just a few minutes after the service starts. For more information, contact Elaine Horseman (410-228-9134 or webhorse@verizon.net).

Scripture Readers: Read the designated scripture during the service. Depending on availability and the number of readers, you can read once, twice or more per year. For more information, contact Janel Parke (410-228-4910 or office @zionumccambridge.org).

Camera Crew: Are you technology savvy? Volunteers use the camera in the sanctuary and their cell phone to stream the worship service on Facebook each week. For more information, contact Charley Lednum (443-521-0576 or cnlednum@comcast.net).

OTHER INFORMATION

Please worship responsibly. Masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated. For families with small children, a special area is designated on the right side of the sanctuary (if you're facing the altar) to provide extra distance. Use of this area is not required, but available if your family would be more comfortable.

Praise and Prayer Concerns may be texted to 302-536-8136. They will not be read during today's service, but added to next week's list.

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