

Nineteenth Sunday  
after  
**Pentecost**  
September 29, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

✦ *Please stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather to pray.

**We gather to praise.**

May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

**May our praise rise to the heavens.**

May our lives be salty with love.

**May our prayers be reflections of peace.**

✦ OPENING PRAYER

✦ HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" ..... UMH 77

ANTHEM ..... Choir

PSALTER: Psalm 124 ..... UMH 846

PRAYER

*THE STORY OF ESTHER PART 1* ..... Pastor Tonya

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Esther 4:8-17 (p 491) ..... Dot Bradshaw

*THE STORY OF ESTHER PART 2* ..... Pastor Tonya

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 (pp 492-493) ..... Carol Masden

*THE STORY OF ESTHER PART 3* ..... Pastor Tonya

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Esther 9:20-22 (pp 494-495) ..... Carol Masden

*THE STORY OF ESTHER PART 4* ..... Pastor Tonya

✦ HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... UMH 140

PRAYER, PRAISES, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

OFFERING PRAYER

✦ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✦ HYMN: "Amazing Grace" ..... UMH 378

✦ BENEDICTION:

Our help is in the name of God,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**  
Our help leads us forth  
**to bring peace and love to the earth.**  
Our help goes with us  
**to protect us and to guide our way.**  
Amen.  
**And amen.**



Esther before Ahasuerus  
Caspar van den Hoecke (1585-1648)



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 family.

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Sound:	Tom Wilson	Accompanist:	Irene Howard
Greeter:	Debbie Thomas	Choir Director:	Karla Wilkins
Videographer:	Brandon Crawford	Pastor:	Tonya McClain
Ushers:	Gene Williams & Tom Wilson		

#### ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 22, 2024  
In-person: 33    Online: 21

#### **Zion's Mission Statement**

The mission of Zion UMC is to provide a loving community to welcome all who seek a Gospel-based commitment with Jesus Christ, through which their relationship with Him can thrive and to provide opportunities to serve others in His name.

#### **Zion's Core Values**

- Worship is the core of our life together.
- We are family.
- We grow disciples.
- We honor God by serving others.
- We live as God's stewards.
- We respect our heritage.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

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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