

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 15, 2024**

**Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110**  
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**WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm**

**April 24 – June 12 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”**

*Based on the Book:*

*Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually & Naturally Share Jesus*  
*by Kevin G. Harney & Sherry Harney*

April 24: Foundations

May 1: Bible Engagement

May 8: Passionate Prayer

May 15: Wholehearted Worship

May 22: Humble Service

May 29: Joyful Generosity

June 5: Consistent Community

June 12: Organic Outreach

**Notes on Today’s Service Theme: “Wholehearted Worship:**

**How Praise, Celebration, and Worship Propel Us Outward & Draw the World In”**

**Key Scripture Verses:**

**Luke 4:1-13 *English Standard Version***

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”” <sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” <sup>11</sup> and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” <sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### **John 4:19-26 *English Standard Version***

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him [Jesus], “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

### **Excerpts from Organic Disciples (pp 103-134):**

#### *Jesus Was Worshiped*

From the very beginning of his time on earth (Matt. 2:1-2)

Near the end of his time of ministry as he entered Jerusalem (Mark 11:9-10)

By a soldier as he died on the cross (Mark 15:39)

After he ascended to heaven (Luke 24:52)

#### *Jesus Freely Received Worship*

From Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

From Peter, James, and John at his transfiguration (Matthew, Mark, Luke)

Jesus walking on water (Matt. 14:33)

Healing of the man born blind (John 9)

From the lips of children (Matt. 21:15-16)

Jesus' anointing with valuable perfume

(Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-8)

After his resurrection (Matt. 28:1-10, 17, John 20:28)

#### *Jesus Inspired People to Worship the Father*

At the feeding of the 4,000 (Matt.15:31), After healing (Luke 15:17-26; 17:11-19; 18:38)

#### *Jesus Taught His Followers to Worship*

Beware of merging worship and commercialism (Mark 11:15-17)

You're gonna worship someone or something (Luke 4:1-13)

It's not the where, but the heart (John 4:4-30)

Living in obedience to the will of the Father is an act of surrender (Rom. 12:1-2)

Honoring and glorifying God is worship (John 12:28; 13:31-32)

### Worship All Week Long

Worship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

3 Ecumenical Creeds: the Apostles', the Nicene, the Athanasian (an excerpt is below)

Nothing in this trinity is before or after,  
nothing is greater or smaller;  
in their entirety the three persons  
are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier,  
we must worship their trinity in their unity  
and their unity in their trinity.

Invite bursts of wonder and awe throughout your day

### The Power of Gathered Worship

Gathering is important to the heart of God. The Old Testament is filled with feasts and celebrations that drew the people of God together. The ancient Jewish community had a rhythm of weekly worship that as a part of the fabric of their lives of faith. Followers of Jesus continue this spiritual practice of gathering to glorify God, encourage one another, celebrate the resurrected Savior, and bear witness to the world. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

*God-centered worship. Worship is about God, not us. ... The very concept of worship should direct us away from self-centered thinking.... Even mature and seasoned believers need to be reminded about this.*

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**May 19 (Sunday): 3:00pm Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert**

**At Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036**

### Weekly Schedule

**Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Festivals)**

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only); 9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

**Wednesday (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)**

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online); 12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship**