

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023 11:00am

“A mother’s love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.”

Agatha Christie



SHINING WITH THE GOOD NEWS



Our Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith, discover our purpose, and make a difference.

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Meditation of the Week: "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."

~ William Makepeace Thackeray ~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Scenes of Childhood" (Kinderszenen) Robert Schuman

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "Wachet Auf!" J.L. Krebs

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

based on Psalm 66

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited here today to bless and to praise God.

We will let the sound of God's praise be heard, loud and clear, from every one of us.

Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept us among the living.

We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been tested to the max, but now we have become as true as silver.

God has heard me, because in my heart I cherish truth and not wickedness.

God hears us all and continues to love us with a steadfast and undying love. Let us praise God together!

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls"

Black #383

Prayer for Mother's Day

Song of St. Anselm

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

~silence is kept~

Children's Time

Anthem

"Children of the Heavenly Father (Mother)"

Zion Reformed Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

The Journey" by Mary Oliver
Lector Pastor Katie

Choral Response

"I Love to Tell the Story"
**I love to tell the story, and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Message

The Journey

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Little David, Play on Your Harp"

Vance Harper Jones

Choral Response

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...**

Blessing Our Gifts

You have given us the gift of your child, Jesus Christ, so that we might all know the one true God. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us be of one heart and mind with Christ, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these honest gifts as we bring them, that we all might do the work of God. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Black #63

Invitation to the Table

The Story

The Meal

Prayer of Our Savior

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Black #282

*Sending Forth

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Prelude to service

"Fuge in E flat Major" (St. Anne)

J. S. Bach

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Jane Bowen, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Tony Cooper, Ronald Curry Sr., Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Friends of Joe Hurst, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Anthony Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Mackenzie Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Jeff Shade, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Danny & Julia Springer, Family and 4-H Family of Duean Stiles, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Martha Tallant, Tracy Roach Walls, Haywood Watts, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

The lector this week is Pastor Katie. The lector next week is Wells Ridenour.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, TBD.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.



Happy Birthday

Corey Green 5/17

Upcoming Events:

- 5/15 Newsletter Article Deadline
- 5/16 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- 5/17 Wednesday Night Potluck and Worship Group 6:00pm
- 5/18 ONA Team Meeting 12:30
Staff Meeting 2:00pm
Choir meeting followed by Practice 4:00pm
4-H Club 4:30pm
- 5/21 Last Day of Sunday School
Movie "The Shack" 1:00pm
Family & Youth Event at Yinglings Golf Center 4:pm, meet at Yinglings
- 5/22 CE Team Meeting 4:00pm



** Thursday Lunch Bunch is taking a break until May 21 when we will watch "The Shack" with a Potluck Lunch 11:30am



****** Are there any Hymns that you really love? ******

We are planning a Hymn Sing for May 28th. Please submit your requests for a Hymn you would like to sing on the enclosed form and put it in the collection plate or return it to the church office no later than May 21st.

Service Credits May 14

Adapted from [https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2, /](https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/)

Gathering music: Scenes of Childhood (Kinderszenen). Composed by Robert Schuman, Op. 15. © Kalmus Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (piano) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Wachtet Auf! Composed by J.L. Krebs. © N. Simrock 1985. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls. Tune: Azmon. Composed by Carl G. Glaser (1828). Words by William G. Tarrant (1892). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine. Tune: Mercy. Composed by Louis Moreau Gottschalk (1867). Words by Samuel Longfellow (1864). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit. African American Spiritual. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

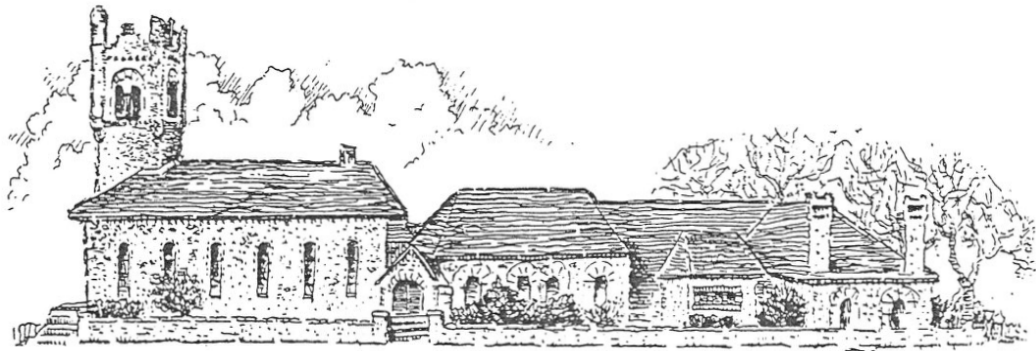
Choral anthem: Children of the Heavenly Father (Mother). Swedish folk melody. Words by Lina Sandell. © 1925 by Lutheran Church in America.

Offertory: Little David, Play on Your Harp. Composed by Vance Harper Jones. Arr. Joe Utterback. © 1997 by Jazzmuze, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: All Things Bright and Beautiful. Traditional English Melody. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2018 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (piano) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Postlude: Fuge in E flat Major (St. Anne). Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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