

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023 10:00am

*“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”
Psalm 95:1*



BLOWING IN THE WIND



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.

Pentecost Sunday

Blowing in the Wind

Meditation of the Week: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." ~ Martin Luther~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

based on Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to God;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give you thanks, O God;

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Hymns

"Be Now My Vision"

Black #451

"For the Beauty Of The Earth"

Black #28

Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages. Forgive us when we trap your good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old days. Forgive us when our lips are sealed in protest or in fear. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your praise. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Hymns

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Black #423

"I Come To The Garden Alone"

Black #237

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Acts 21:1-21
Lector: Amber Nilson

When we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. When we found a ship bound for Phoenicia, we went on board and set sail. We came in sight of Cyprus; and leaving it on our left, we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, because the ship was to unload its cargo there. We looked up the disciples and stayed there for seven days. Through the Spirit they told Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. When our days there were ended, we left and proceeded on our journey; and all of them, with wives and children, escorted us outside the city. There we knelt down on the beach and prayed and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we greeted the believers and stayed with them for one day. The next day we left and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy. While we were staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. He came to us and took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands with it, and said, 'Thus says the Holy Spirit, "This is the way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles."' When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, 'What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.' Since he would not be persuaded, we remained silent except to say, 'The Lord's will be done.'

After these days we got ready and started to go up to Jerusalem. Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came along and brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay.

When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly. The next day Paul went with us to visit James; and all the elders were present. After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. When they heard it, they praised God. Then they said to him, 'You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law. They have been told about you that you teach all the Jews living among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and that you tell them not to circumcise their children or observe the customs.'

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**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Hymns

"Lift High The Cross"
"What A Friend we Have In Jesus"

Black #198
Black #506

Invitation to Give

Offertory 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

**May these gifts, O God, become action and intention, fulfilling Christ's commandment to love.
Amen.**

Hymn

"Spirit Of The Living God"

Black #283

Affirmation of Faith

Together let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, our creator?

I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom. He showed His love for all God's children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well.

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 Hymns / Sending Forth - For those of you who would like to join us, we will process out to our Memorial Garden while singing "This Is My Song" (see insert) and pay our respects to all those who came before us.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***** A special THANK YOU to Kent Shaffer for his help in putting together the Memorial Day brochure for today's service.



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., Kelly Emery, Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Margaret K, 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, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Sally Schairer, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Bernice Shytle, Danny & Julia Springer, Mary Stann, 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 Amber Nilson. The lector next week is Barbara Hendershot.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.



Happy Birthday

Kristin Grosh 5/28
Scott Rhodes 5/29
Lisa Saum 5/31
Alice Barr 6/2

Happy Anniversary

Krista & Steve Burgan 5/31

Upcoming Events:

- 5/29 Office closed for Memorial Day
- 5/30 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- 6/1 Thursday Lunch Bunch 11:30
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
Choir Practice 4:00pm
4-H Club 4:30pm
- 6/4 HARC "No Book" Book Club meeting 4:00pm at the home of Rae Smith
- 6/5 Consistory Meeting



Service Credits May 28

from <https://presbydestrian.wordpress.com/tag/hymn-sing-liturgy/>

Gathering music: Fanfare on "America the Beautiful." Tune: Materna. Composed by S. A. Ward (1882). Arr. by Matthew H. Corl. © 1996 by the H. W. Gray Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Onward Christian Soldiers. Composed by Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould and Sir Arthur S. Sullivan. Arr. by Harry Simeone. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymn sing:

Be Thou My Vision. Tune: Slane. Traditional Irish melody. Ancient Irish text. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

For the Beauty of the Earth. Tune: Dix. Composed by Conrad Kocher (1838). Words by Foliott S. Pierpoint (1864). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Great is Your Faithfulness. Tune: Faithfulness. Composed by William M. Runyan (1923). Words by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I Come to the Garden Alone. Tune: Garden. Words and music by C. Austin Miles (1912). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lift High the Cross. Tune: Crucifer. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916). Words by George William Kitchin. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

What a Friend We have in Jesus. Tune: Erie. Composed by Charles Converse (1868). Words by Joseph Scriven. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Spirit of the Living God. Tune: Iverson. Words and music by Daniel Iverson (1926). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Offertory: A Mighty Fortress. Tune: Ein' Feste Burg. Composed by Martin Luther. Arr. by David Cherwien. © 1980 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 2839831

Postlude: NCH 519 while walking out.



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