ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ↔ October 2nd, 2022 ↔ 11 A.M.



Worship Guide

Scattering Seeds of Hope

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.
Please silence all mobile devices.

→ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music [♦]

"Ciacona in F-Minor"

Ringing of the Bells[♦]

Prelude to Worship

"Kol Nidrei"

Words of Welcome

↑ Call to Community

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,

knowing that when our spirits have grown cold, God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life.

knowing that while friends may turn against us, God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,

knowing that even when life is no picnic, God prepares a feast for us.

↑ Opening Hymn

"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" Rear of Bulletin

First Reading

Psalm 137 Rev. Katie Penick

By the rivers of Babylon – there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.

And so we hung up our harps there upon the willows.

For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How can we sing God's song in a foreign land? If I forget you O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of mouth, if I do not remember you. If I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy,

Remember O God, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down to its foundations!"

O city of Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against a rock.

If I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart,; before the gods I sing your praise.

I bow down before your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God. for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of God, for great is the glory of God.

For though God is high, God regards the lowly: but the haughty perceives God from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

God will fulfill God's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O God endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Children's Time

Baptism of Calvin Isaac Shroyer

Introduction

Questions to Parents, Grandparents, and Godparents

Congregation Assent

As the gathered Body of Christ, you have heard the promises of these parents, grandparents, and godparents. Alone, they will be unable to achieve all their hopes and dreams for the enrichment and growth of Calvin. Raising and nurturing a child takes a village. For this child to grow up into all that he might be spiritually, emotionally, and physically, you will need to be a nurturing extended family to him. How do you, as members of the body of Christ, covenant together with these parents and this child?

We rejoice to take Calvin Isaac Shroyer within our fold, gathering him under our wings. With God's help, as a healthy community of love, compassion, kindness, and forgiveness, we will nurture him through action and word. We will pray for Calvin and always accept him as a treasured gift from God to us. We promise to set a worthy and humble example as we encourage him to know and follow Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

Gathered Body of Christ, let us unite with the Church of all ages and places and confess our faith with one heart and voice. Let us profess what we believe and who we are with our shared Mission, Vision and Values:

Our vision for our church is:

To Share God's Inclusive Love, Uniting Us with Our Community.

The mission God sends us out to do is:

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

As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:

- 1. We are a community: Where we show Love of God and One Another.
 - Welcoming all people.
 - · Celebrating unity and diversity.
 - Working in partnership with other churches.
- 2. We embrace our Spiritual life: Where God Is Still Speaking by:
 - Encouraging people on their faith journey
 - Listening through prayer
 - Forgiving and being forgiven.
- 3. We show discipleship in action: Where Justice isn't about "Just Us" by:
 - Striving to imitate the life of Christ in thought, word, and deed.
 - Being good stewards of time, talent & resources.
 - Acting as Christ's hands & voice in the world.
 - · Caring for God's creation.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to our God.

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Sign of the Cross

Presentation of the Child[♦]

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" TNCH #351 (Black Hymnal)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading: Thanksgiving & Encouragement

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSVUE) Lector: Jean Simmons

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayer's night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Choral Response [♦]
(TNCH# 319)

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Third Reading: *More Faith*Luke 17:5-10 (NRSVUE)

Rev. Katie Penick

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory [♦]

Chorale Prelude on "We Walk by Faith"

Offertory Response 👇

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O Praise God
O Praise God
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(To the tune of "All Creatures of Our God", TNCH# 17)

Blessing Our Gifts

We offer not only our gifts, Loving God, but our time, so we might spend more moments with the lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed; our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who increases our faith one mustard seed at a time. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn 👇

"Break Now the Bread of Life" TNCH #321 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Welcome

Remembrance

Sharing the Meal [♦]

All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children. God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so. The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.



Blessing

Prayer of Our Savior (sung)

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.

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

↑ Closing Hymn [♦]

"In Christ There is No East or West" TNCH #395 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ♦

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





World Communion Sunday / Neighbors in Need Special Offering - Today

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. United Church of Christ congregations join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America adopted a World-Wide Communion Sunday. The UCC believes in an open table, anyone may receive communion.

Within the United Church of Christ, a special mission offering is collected on World Communion Sunday. The Neighbors in Need (NIN) Special Mission offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This offering helps support the Council for American Indian Ministry and the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) such as justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through denominational grants. In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

Did you know Zion Reformed UCC has been a benefactor of the NIN grant, obtaining grant monies to help support Tuesday's Supper and One-Stop Shop? Please prayerfully consider making an offering to this important special offering. Offerings to this special mission offering can be made throughout the month of October at church or online. Be sure to designate donations as being for Neighbors In Need (NIN).





Dinner Theater Rehearsals Begin Next Week

Dinner Theater rehearsals will begin next week (Oct 9th) after church. The Dinner Theater performance will be November 19th. Tickets will go on sale soon!

Community Yard Sale Cancelled

The Community Yard Sale scheduled for October 15th has been cancelled. If anyone is interested in planning a spring yard sale instead, please talk to Pastor Katie.

Harvest Home Sunday

We celebrate the bounty of the harvest during worship on October 16th for our annual Harvest Home Sunday service. We ask that our church family celebrate this year's bountiful harvest by bringing nonperishable foods to place at the altar to help replenish Tuesday's Supper, One-Stop Shop, and Micah's Backpack food supplies.





Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another

Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communicationwith 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 in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Eric B., Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Jeff Cannedy, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Cisco, Clear Spring Community and the Josenhans, Knode, and Shives' families, Kim & Bill Cook, Carol Garland, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Jim & Donna Hatfield, Sherry Hockman, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Ann Kalinoski, Rhondda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Susan LaBombard, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Colleen Rand, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Claudia Ruth, Norm & Lori Schmidt, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman, and Mia.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Toby Wantz** (Oct 2nd), **Carroll Sager** (Oct 4th), **Bill Cook** (Oct 4th), and **David Richardson** (Oct 8th). Happy Anniversary to **Carol & Michael Mooers** (Oct 2nd)! May this year of your life/lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of YOU. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Lector Ministry Schedule

This Week (Oct 2nd): Jean Simmons

Next Week (Oct 9th): Missy LaBombard

Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all.

Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co: 10.14% as of Sep 29th (*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard)

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 12.2% with 12 hospitalizations as of Sep 28th (*Meritus Health)

Human MonkeyPox Emergency: 662 cases throughout the state of MD (*MD Health Dept)

Important Dates This Week

Consistory Team Meeting – October 3rd at 7pm (hybrid)

ONA Team Meeting – October 4th at 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop — October 4th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Dine-in and carry-out options available!

Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting – October 4th – 6th (Virtual Only)

Service Workers Team Meeting – October 5th, 10am

Thursday Lunch Bunch – October 6th at 11:30am (Hybrid)

www.zionreformed.church/thursday

4-H Club – October 6th at 4:30pm (ZOOM)

See Kim Ridenour for more information

Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting – October 7th – 8th (Hybrid)

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations



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