

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023 10:00am

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*

*Hebrews 13:2*



WALKING WITH A PURPOSE 

### **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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# Walking With A Purpose

*Meditation of the Week: "Faith which does not doubt is a dead faith." ~Miguel de Unamona~*

## ***WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD***

*\*All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Two Preludes in e minor" J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount" John Wyeth

Words of Welcome

Call to Community

*based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19*

Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in God's presence!

For the Lord is our God: a Father to the fatherless,

and the defender of all who need protection; the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

**Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!**

Let's worship God together.

\*Opening Hymn

"God the Omnipotent"

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First Reading

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So, they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight

days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

#### Litany for Our Fathers

We give thanks today...

For fathers who showed up, played and danced, ran and twirled, taught and learned;

**For fathers who kissed boo-boos and held us in strong arms when we were weak;**

For fathers who believed in us and trusted us with our own futures, even as they taught us how best to live;

**For fathers who exhibited the very best of what it means to be men, and tossed aside toxic masculinity in favor of a strength in love and empathy;**

For fathers who had high standards, yet deep compassion;

**For fathers who taught us rules to live by, and with integrity lived by these rules themselves;**

For fathers who protected us and sought after our welfare;

**For fathers who were never related to us by blood or by law but stood in as a father figure;**

For fathers who were not always present but by grace came back into our lives.

**We remember the men who made us who we are today. Amen.**

~silence is kept~

#### Children's Time

Special Music:

"Faith Of Our Fathers"  
~Children will be dismissed for Children Church~

Megan Shroyer

### ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

#### Second Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-23

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Message

*She Laughed!*

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Adagio from Sonata KV 332"

W. A. Mozart

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

We offer our gifts to God  
**who claims us as children; who names us beloved who celebrates our presence.**  
We offer our gifts to a loving God.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ***SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION***

Invitation to the Table

\*Hymn of Preparation

"Bring Many Names"

Black #11

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

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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\*Sending Forth

"Finale"

Camille Saint-Saens

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***



***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 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: Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, 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, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Peggy Ledin, Bobby Lowman, Peggy Lowman, Jerri Livingston, Anthony Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Teresa Moats, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mary & George Pietsch, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Rae Smith, Danny & Julia Springer, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Martha Tallant, Tracy Roach Walls, Haywood Watts, Eleanor Wible, , Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman, Our 4-H families.

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

The lector this week is Carol Mooers. The lector next week is Jean Simmons.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Next week's ushers William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.



**Happy Birthday**

JoAnn Myers	6/21
Jason Weicht	6/23

**Happy Anniversary**

Anissa & Doug Wade	6/19
Lizzie and Pat Dattilio	6/25

**Upcoming Events:**

- 6/19 Office Closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- 6/20 Staff Meeting 11:00 am  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 6/21 Wednesday Potluck & Worship 6:00 pm
- 6/22 Thursday Lunch Bunch 12:00 pm  
4-H Club 4:30 pm
- 6/23 Zion Book Club 7:00 pm
- 6/24 & 7/1 -Youth Group Overnight-Contact Tina Shafer/Holly Bell for details.
- 7/16 -Luncheon for Pastor Katie after the service. Come and Join Us! Please contact Carol Mooers for details.
- 7/17 -Washington Co Ag Fair & Expo -Help Dip Ice Cream 3:30-6:00 pm- Please see Kim Ridenour for details.



## Service Credits June 18

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/> Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA [www.fbcmartinsville.com](http://www.fbcmartinsville.com)

**Gathering music:** Two Preludes in e minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © C G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Come, Thou Fount. Composed by John Wyeth. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. © 2013 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** God the Omnipotent! Tune: Russian Hymn. Composed by Alexis L. Woff. Words by Henry F. Chorley (1842). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Bring Many Names. Traditional Hebrew hymn. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I the Lord of Sea and Sky. Composed by Dan Schutte (1981). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

**Special Music:** Faith Of Our Fathers. Composed by Frederick W. Faber. Refrain by Henri F. Hemy. Performed by Megan Shroyer

**Offertory:** Adagio from Sonata KV 332. Composed by W. A. Mozart. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Communion:** Eternal Father, Strong to Save. Tune: Melita. Composed by John B. Dykes. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2018 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7115192

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**Postlude:** Finale. Composed by Camille Saint-Saens. Arr. by Albert Zabel. © 2014 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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