

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023 10:00am

“What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.”

Genesis 21:17-18



WALKING WITH 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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Walking With Purpose

Meditation of the Week: "Hope is the thing with feathers." ~Emily Dickinson~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Ciacona in d" Johann Pachelbel

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "Ellacombe" William B. Monk

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.

(Turn to the person beside you and say, "Welcome to Zion Reformed Church")

Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

(Turn to someone else and welcome them in the same way)

Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's children will be blessed by God.

All are welcome here! Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" See Insert

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

You are invited to offer your silent prayers to God by taking one of the small strips of cloth, writing the name of someone you have left behind in the wilderness and tie it to the bare branch.

Words of Blessing

~silence is kept~

Children's Time

Happy Birthday Church!

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21
Lector Jean Simmons

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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**

Second Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot

kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Message

You are welcome Here!

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Improvisation on Bunesan"

Gaelic melody. Arr. by David Lasky

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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

See Insert

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

"God of the Ages"

Black #592

*Sending Forth

"Trumpet Tune"

David German

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*Would you like to become a member of Zion Reformed UCC?
New Member orientation will be held on July 2nd and
New Members will be welcomed on July 9th.*

P R A Y I N G W I T H O N E A N O T H E R



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, Heather Morgan, 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, Jeff Shade, Rae Smith, Danny & Julia Springer, 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 Jean Simmons. The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.

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

Susan Loman	6/26
Richard Cantilena	6/30
Molly Dwyer	6/30
Max Dwyer	6/30
Todd Hershey	7/1

Happy Anniversary

Elizabeth & Pat Dattilio	6/25
Calvin & Angel Livingston	6/29

Upcoming Events:

6/27 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
6/28 ONA Team Meeting 4:30pm
Wednesday Potluck & Worship 6:00 pm
6/29 Thursday Lunch Bunch 12:00 pm
6/24 & 7/1 -Youth Group Overnight-Contact Tina Shafer/Holly Bell for details.
7/2 New Member Orientation
7/4 Office Closed for Fourth of July
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 3:00-6:30 pm
Please see Kim Ridenour for details.



Service Credits June 25

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>

Gathering music: Ciacona in d. Composed by Johann Pachelbel. © Belwin Mills Publishers. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Ellacombe. Composed by William B. Monk. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. © 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations. Words and music by Ernest Nichol (1896). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee. Traditional folk song. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

God of the Ages. Tune: National Hymn. Composed by George William Warren (1892). Words by Daniel Crane Roberts (1876). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: Elisa Shaw, soloist. I Am the Bread of Life. Words and music by S. Suzanne Toolan (1970). © 1971 by GIA Publications.

Offertory: Improvisation on Buinessan. Gaelic melody. Arr. by David Lasky. © 2021 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI song number: 7176758

Communion: Ave Verum. Composed by W. A. Mozart. Arr. by Robert Hebble. © 1982 by Dreena Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Trumpet Tune. Composed by David German. © 1990 by David German. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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