

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023 10:00am

“Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh which means ‘the LORD will provide’ ”

Genesis 21:14



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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Walking With Purpose

Meditation of the Week: "Justice without force is powerless; force without justice is tyrannical." ~Blaise Pascal~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music

"The Navy Hymn"

John Dykes

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

"The National Anthem" (please stand)

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Come, let us celebrate together the power to love and to speak truth:

We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking! No one can stop us now!

*Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

See Insert

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Lector Missie LaBombard

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

A Prayer for General Synod

Making All Things New

God of small sanctuaries and large halls, We listen and look for your presence immediately surrounding us, energizing us to serve the world outside. And today we know that many of our neighbors and friends are gathering in Indianapolis for General Synod as they celebrate faith, reflect on your calling, seek justice and kindness, and inhale the invigorating breath of the Spirit.

We pray for their wisdom, Holy One. May your wisdom carry them from one moment to the next as they search for the depths of your love. We pray for their endurance, Loving Spirit. Throughout the long days of Synod, may they find rest and renewal, moments of hopeful silence and joyous laughter.

We pray for their strength, Divine Redeemer. May your courage permeate their hearts as they speak and vote, and may your Holy Curiosity open their souls to new stories. May each of us be willing to open our souls to new words, new sounds, new stories, and new songs.

Your Kin-dom can be found from the conversation between two people drinking coffee to the most distant of galaxies across the universe. May we see how to serve the Church and your children within the walls of our individual sanctuaries to the streets surrounding us to the farthest spaces in our world. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Children's Time

Special Music

"Fanfare for the Common Man"

Aaron Copland

Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist)

Children are dismissed for Childrens Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

The Message

Covenantal Promises Endure

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar

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

Spirit of God, When we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works in this world. When we tend to our neighbors who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world. When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as they build your Realm here on earth. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION FOR GENERAL SYNOD 34

Invitation to the Table

The Spirit of Creation is with you!

And the Spirit of Creation walks next to you.

Open wide your souls.

We open them to the Creator's love.

Let us give thanks to the God of Earth and Rain.

With joyous voices, hearts, and hands, we exclaim to God our praise.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Black #593

Prayer of Communion

We delight with our Holy God on this earth, and we rejoice forever in what God has created, is creating,

and will be created. The Spirit of Creation built this vast universe, including our beautiful, strong, and fragile planet. The earth held the plants and animals in the Garden of Eden. Later, the earth carried the Israelites on their wilderness journey and while they danced joyously in the promised land. The earth absorbed the tears of Job, supported the steps of the prophesying Elijah, and carried David in the shadow-filled valleys. Jesus taught on mountains and plains, walked throughout the land healing the aching, and prayed in gardens late at night. In times of exile and times of return, the land held the stories of our ancestors in faith.

Today, we abide on this earth in houses of worship, in homes, and in halls. We know this land we share today is sacred. It bears much fruit. It holds the flora of friendships. And deep within its cells are the stories of its ancestors – parents, guardians, and leaders of the faith. We know their footprints are still felt by the earth.

And we remember the ones who held this land as their own centuries ago. They were the first to tend to the land, to nurture it as a parent would nurture their child. The winds of occupation seared the land and crushed the hearts and lives of its first inhabitants. Through the hydrating tears of our God, the land remembered its strength from its ancestors. In our spaces today, we remember their place on the land and their care for creation.

From the strength of those who have gone before comes the seeds for grains and grapes. The land has given birth to the fruits of our sacrament.

With glory to our God, we praise the Spirit of Creation:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Spirit of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water,
Heaven and Earth delights in your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna.
Blessed is the one who brings love and light to our world.
Hosanna to our God. Alleluia!**

The Story

On the night before Jesus walked the ground carrying the tree to Golgotha, he gathered with faithful friends. From the grain in the ground came the bread that Jesus took and broke in his hand. He blessed the bread and said to his friends "This is my body broken for you. When you eat this bread, remember me."

And then after supper, Jesus took a cup filled with the fruit of the vine. Knowing they were all connected like the vine and branches, Jesus said to them "This cup is the new covenant (in my blood). As you drink from the cup, remember me."

Spirit of God, just as you hovered over creation and renewed your church at Pentecost, surround these elements. Encircle us, energize our souls, and connect us with each living being here on earth. Just as you have delighted in humans since creation, may your presence create joy in our spirits, transforming us into new beings.

Bless the soil that birthed the grains and grapes that we share today. May these elements be transformed into a meal that connects us all. Like the lion and ox, like the lamb and wolf, we eat together – whether near or far, whether well or ill, whether marginalized or privileged. May this meal be one in which we embrace the power we have and strengthen the world with justice and peace, kindness and love. Amen.

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, Divine Designer- With gentle compassion, you unite us as vine and branches, whether near or far. For your meal we share our gratitude. With thanksgiving we voice our joy for our siblings in faith who shared the table with the Christ and with us. Our souls are rejuvenated with your Holy Refreshment. Send us into the world today with joy in our hearts and excited to proclaim your radical love in this world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"America, the Beautiful"

Red #443

*Sending Forth

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



*Would you
a member*

*like to become
of Zion*

Reformed UCC?

New Member orientation will be held today and

New Members will be welcomed on July 9th.

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, 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 Missie LaBombard. The lector next week is Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.



Happy Birthday

Todd Hershey

7/1

Upcoming Events:

- 7/2 New Member Orientation
- 7/4 Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 7/5 Wednesday Potluck & Worship 6:00 pm
- 7/6 Thursday Lunch Bunch 12:00 pm
- 7/9 Welcome New Members
- 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.





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**Service Credits
July 2**

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Gathering music: The Navy Hymn. Composed by John Dykes. Arr. by Dan Miller. © 2006 by Daniel L. Miller. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: The National Anthem (please stand). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Morning Has Broken. Chalice 53. Gaelic melody. Words by Eleanor Farjeon (1931). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lift Every Voice and Sing. NCH 593. Composed by J. Rosamond Johnson (1921). Words by James Weldon Johnson (1921). Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

America the Beautiful. Red 443. Tune: Materna. Composed by S. A. Ward (1882). Words by Katharine Lee Bates (1805). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

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Offertory: Ashokan Farewell. Composed by Jay Ungar. © 1983 by Swinging Door Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: Battle Hymn of the Republic. American folk song. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2010 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7180671

Postlude: Stars and Stripes Forever. Composed by John Phillip Souza. Transcribed for organ by Joseph M. Langer. © 2012 by Wayne Leupold Editions. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Morning Has Broken 274

I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, O Lord. Psa. 57:8,9

ELEANOR FARJEON

ARR. JACK SCHRADER

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black-bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where His feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!