

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2023 10:00am

"How lucky we were to have someone that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Adapted from A.A. Milne



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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Walking With Purpose

Meditation of the Week: "You've changed me forever. And I'll never forget you." – Kiera Cass

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music	"Darwall's Fantasia"	John Darwall
Ringling of the Bells		
Prelude	Processional on "Lift High the Cross."	S. H. Nicholson
Words of Welcome		
*Call to Community		based on Psalm 121
<p>I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come? My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth. We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth, For God is found among us. Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is here among us. Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community. Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.</p>		
*Opening Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Black #4
First Reading		Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And

he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Children's Time

Special Music

"Hypnosis"

Meagan Graff Bohn, flutist

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the Sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Special Music

"Sing Praises to Him"

Rae Smith

The Message

What We Have Planted Together

Reception of New Members

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince

See Insert

Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

John B. Dykes

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

**Loving God, we offer back to you what we have been given: our treasure, our time,
and our lives. Bless our gifts and multiply them for your purposes. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn of Preparation

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Black #330

The Story

The Meal

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles C. Converse

"We're Marching to Zion"

Robert Lowry

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

"Praise to the Living God"

Black #8

A Message from Kim Ridenour

*Sending Forth

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

We go as Christ's family for all the world to see.

Postlude:

Pedal Variations on "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Arr. by Joyce Jones

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
In the palm of His hand.

Traditional Gaelic Blessing

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, Joanne Albright, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Jane Bowen, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Tony Cooper, Ronald Curry Sr., Luke Edwards, Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Vicky Hastings, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Brian Johnson, 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, The Family of 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 Rich Owens. The lector next week is Wells Ridenour.

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



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



Upcoming Events:

- 7/18 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 7/17 Washington Co Ag Fair & Expo -Help Dip Ice Cream 3:00-6:30 pm Please see Kim Ridenour for details.
- 7/20 Thursday Lunch Bunch 12:00 pm
No 4-H Club Meeting today due to Washington Co Ag Fair & Expo

Service Credits July 16

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

Gathering music: Darwall's Fantasia. Composed by John Darwall. Arr. by John S. Dixon. © 2019 by The Lorenz Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Special Music: Sing Praises To Him. Composed and sung by Rae Smith.

Hymns: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. NCH 4. Tune: Hymn to Joy. Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Words by Henry van Dyke (1907). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Let Us Break Bread Together (communion). NCH 330. African American Spiritual. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Praise to the Living God. NCH 8. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George J. Elvey (1868). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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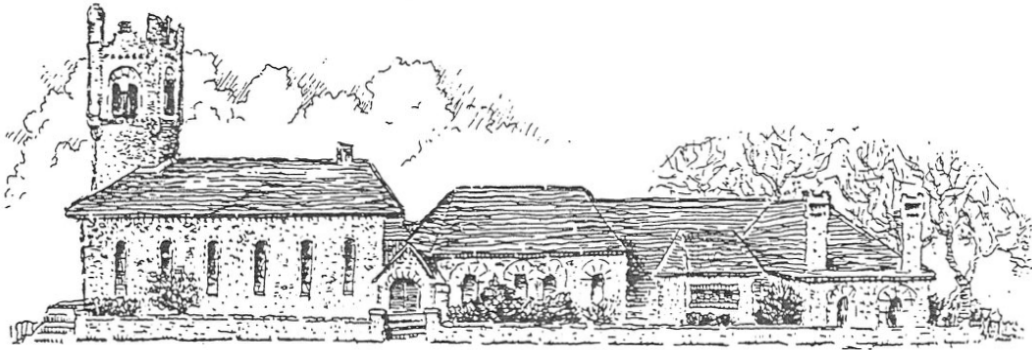
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Reception of New Members Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince

Welcome and Introduction of Candidates Address and Questions of the Candidates

Pastor Katie: Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince: I do.

Pastor Katie: However, it is that you have come today, we rejoice that you are here and have chosen to become a member of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We are an inclusive, caring, justice-seeking, joyful community of faith that is called to embody God's love through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We celebrate diversity and believe that all people are included in God's unconditional love and grace.

Therefore, will you covenant with us to attend worship, invite, and welcome others, and move forward on your spiritual journey with us?

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince: I will, with the help of God.

Pastor Katie: Will you covenant with us to seek daily to live and act in ways that help make Jesus' example of God's love for all people real, and to support this church and its ministries by giving as you are able of your time, talent, and financial resources?

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince: I will, with the help of God.

Pastor Katie: Will you covenant with us to further God's work and reflect the teachings of Jesus by standing with those who suffer and serving all humanity?

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince: I will, with the help of God and this faith community.

Pastor Katie: Do you then, as persons who have affirmed these covenants, seek to become one in spirit with the members of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ?

Isaiah David Nelson and Robert Martin Prince: I do.

Pastor Katie: Members of the family of God, I commend to you these persons. Do all in your power to affirm their faith journey, strengthen their hope, and embrace them in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for the faith God has worked within you. We welcome you wherever you are on your faith journey with our love, acceptance, and respect. We pledge to work together as a community of faith to provide opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, celebration, and service. We promise to give spiritual and emotional care and support in times of need; and to be faithful as fellow stewards of God's grace. Together we will work for peace and social, economic, and ecological justice and strive to bring about the world that we believe God intends.

What We Believe

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:

We are a Community: Where we show Love of God and One Another by

- **Welcoming all people.**
- **Celebrating unity and diversity.**
- **Working in partnership with other churches.**

We embrace our Spiritual life: Where God Is Still Speaking by

- **Encouraging people on their faith journey**
- **Listening through prayer**
- **Forgiving and being forgiven**