

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023 10:00am

"I cannot change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails so I can reach my destination." --- Jimmy Dean



♥ **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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Walking With Purpose

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Finlandia: Song of Peace" Jean Sibelius

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" James Ellor

Words of welcome

Call to Community

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

We are on the road between fear and hope, the road between the familiar and the unknown, the road between the old and the new.

Like the disciples, we need you to travel with us.

**Stand among us during this time of worship and stand with us every day ahead.
Amen.**

***Hymn** "Open Now the Gates of Beauty" Red #23

First Readings Lamentations 3: 21-24 *The Living Bible* *Barbara Hendershot*

Yet there is one ray of hope: His compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness, his lovingkindness begins afresh each day. My soul claims the Lord as my inheritance: therefore, I will hope in Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *The Living Bible*

There is a right time for everything: A time to be born, a time to die; A time to plant, a time to harvest; A time to kill, a time to heal; A time to destroy, a time to rebuild; A time to cry, a time to laugh; A time to grieve, a time to dance; A time for scattering stones, a time for gathering stones; A time to hug, a time not to hug; A time to find, a time to lose; A time for keeping, a time for throwing away; A time to tear, a time to repair; A time to be quiet, a time to speak up; A time for loving, a time for hating; A time for war, a time for peace.

Special Music "Amazing Grace" Tim Wolfe, saxophone

Childrens Time *Barbara Hendershot*

Another time, when Jesus invited a man to come with him and to be his disciple, the man agreed-but wanted to wait until his father's death. Jesus replied, "Let those without eternal life concern themselves with things like that. Your duty is to come and preach the coming of the Kingdom of God to all the world." Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will come, but first let me ask permission of those at home." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

Hebrews 11:1 *The Living Bible*

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

***Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

Black #386

Message

Change

Barbara Hendershot

Invitation to Give

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us thankfully and abundantly give.

Offertory

"In Paradisium"

Gabriel Faure

***Choral Response**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

Blessing Our Gifts

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Turn our fears into courage and our confusion into confidence. Turn these gifts into better communities and a better world. Use us to continue your work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"God of Change and Glory"

Black #177

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sending Forth

Jesus said, "You ought always to pray and not to faint."

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger followers of Christ.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your power; pray for power equal to your tasks.

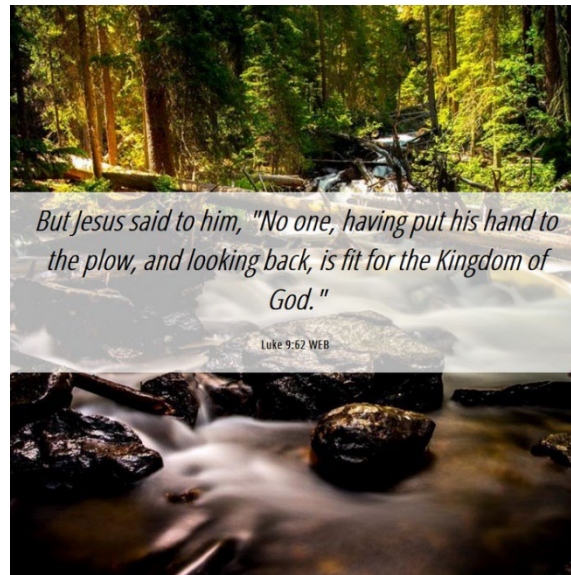
Do not become stagnant in your living; embrace new things and new ways as together we go forth on our journey with our Savior. Amen.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Postlude:

"Toccata Festiva: In Babilone"

Richard Purves



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, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Brian Johnson, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Peggy Ledin, Family of Mike Lorfing, Bobby Lowman, Peggy Lowman, Jerri Livingston, Anthony Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauchin, Teresa Moats, Heather Morgan, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary & George Pietsch, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Rich Robinette, Betsy Roulette, Elliot & Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jeff Shade, Danny & Julia Springer, Mary Stann, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Martha Tallant, Family of Tony Valentine, Sr., Tracy Roach Walls, Haywood Watts, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman.

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



BACK- TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY - AUG 26TH

For the past couple of years Zion has been holding a Back-To-School Block Party in our parking lot. This outreach program has been very successful and sincerely appreciated by our neighbors. There are different ways that you can help with our efforts to supply the children in our neighborhood with much needed school supplies. You can volunteer to help on August 26th, or you can donate any of the following items to be handed out to the school children that attend. Your donation can be dropped off at the church any day between now and the 23rd of August.

- Spiral Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Loose Leaf Paper

If you are unable to get out to the store, we will also appreciate a cash donation to purchase these items.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP



The lector this week is Barbara Hendershot. The lector next week is Carol Mooers
Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.

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



Birthdays	Stacey Shealer-Broadwater	8/13
	Frank Ebersole	8/13
	Megan Shroyer	8/17

Upcoming Events:

- 8/15 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 8/17 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- 8/19 Easy-cise class 9:00am
- 8/20 Annual Church Picnic at City Park and Meet Pastor Scott 10am. Bring side and/or desert to share. Chicken and drinks provided.
- 8/23 ONA Team Meeting 4:30pm
- 8/25 Zion Book Club 7:00pm
- 8/26 Back to School Block Party 3:00 pm – 5:00pm in our parking lot. Vendors, snow cones, hot dogs, and tons of fun. Call Kim or Rae if you would like to help.





What is One Great Hour of Sharing®?

One Great Hour of Sharing, part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Service Credits **August 13**

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Prelude: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. Composed by James Ellor. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 2014 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Open Now the Gates of Beauty. Red 23. Tune Neander. Composed by Joachim Neander (1680k). Words by Benjamin Schmolck. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Church's One Foundation. NCH 386. Tune: Aurelia. Composed by Samuel S. Wesley (1864). Words by Samuel J. Stone (1866). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

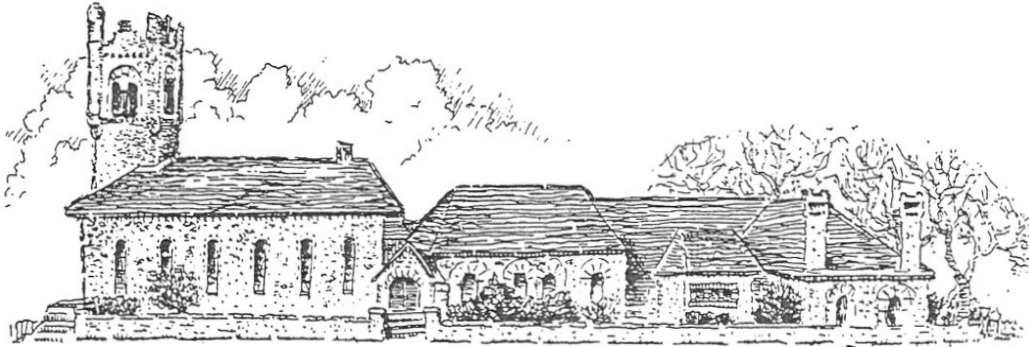
God of Change and Glory. Tune: Katherine. NCH 177. Words and music by Al Carmines (1973). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: "Amazing Grace". Tim Wolfe, saxophone.

Offertory: In Paradisium. Composed by Gabriel Faure. Arr. by Marcel Dupre. © 1976 by Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (flugelhorn) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Toccata Festiva: In Babilone. Composed by Richard Purves. © 1949 by Carl Fischer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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