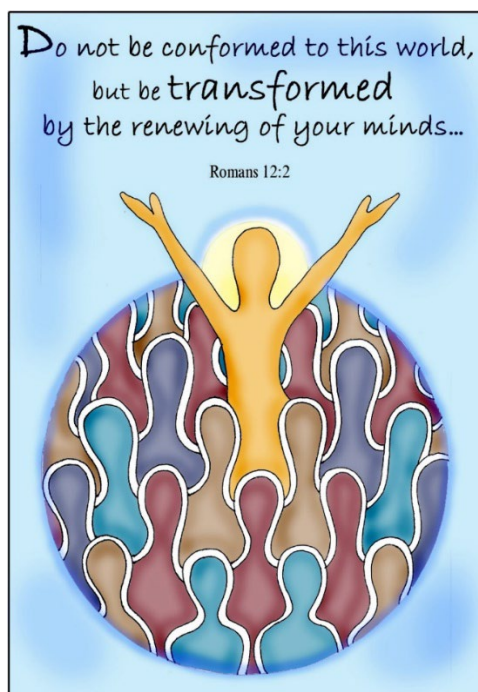


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP GUIDE

Thirteenth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27TH, 2023 @ 10 A.M.



...church is not a stopping place but a starting place for discerning God's presence in this world. By offering people a place where they may engage in the steady practice of listening to divine words and celebrating divine sacraments, church can help people gain a feel for how God shows up – not only in Holy Bibles and Holy Communion but also in near neighbors, mysterious strangers, sliced bread, and grocery store wine. That way, when they leave church, they no more leave God than God leaves them. They simply carry what they have learned into the wide, wide world, where there is a crying need for people who will recognize the holiness in things and hold them up to God.

Barbara Brown Taylor, **Leaving Church**

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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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music

Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron Stay to choose

Greeting, Announcements

Prelude

Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron Stay to choose

***Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us sing to Holy Love and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

One: O praise Abba with me,

All: Let us exalt Amma's name together.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Amen.

***Hymn**

"To God be the Glory" (Verses 1-2)

See Insert

Prayer of Hope (in unison)

Foundational God,

with lavish waters of grace

you have elected us and empowered us

to be your Body in the world.

You have called us to one faith, one Lord, one baptism,

to be your living light to the nations.

But we confess, that we have squandered your joy,

hidden your light

and tarnished your glorious vision

through the self-preoccupation of our days..

Forgive us, Jesus.

and free us

to embrace the sweetness of this fellowship

and respond to the radical call of discipleship,

all in the name of a Living Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 124

Lector: Jean Simmons

If it were not for You, O Beloved,
You who make all things new,
fear and chaos would reign in every heart;
in You will I trust.

When doubt threatens to overwhelm
and separate me,
when anger makes me blind,

Then You, O Merciful One, are ever-ready
to awaken the holy, the sacred within me;

Then do your Living Streams of Grace enfold me.

An interpretation of Nan C. Merrill from Psalms for Praying

Children's Time – Blessing of the Backpacks



Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Message

To the Saints of Zion

*Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Black #23

WE RESPOND

Morning Prayer and Intercessions

One: Holy One in Your mercy

All: Receive our Prayers

The Prayer Jesus Teaches Us

**Our Father (Creator), 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.

Invitation to Give

The God who has blessed our lives calls us to store our riches with God. In thanksgiving and in faithfulness, let us share our gifts and offerings.

Offertory

Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron Stay to choose

***Offertory Response**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Tenacious God,

with a Creator's touch you cherish us,

with eagle's wings you lift us,

and with a prophet's heart you send us.

For all these blessings we offer thanksgiving.

We now offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to you,

open to be transformed by your Spirit

and eager to embrace our vocation of grace.

Receive us and use us – all to the glory of God!

Amen.

***Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

Black #299

Sending Forth

One: Go forth into the world in peace.

All: We will be of good courage.

One: Hold fast to that which is good.

All: We will render to no person evil for evil.

One: Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; heal the afflicted; honor all persons; love and serve God.

All: We will! All while rejoicing in the power of God's presence in our lives. Amen.

Postlude

Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron Stay to choose



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, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Luke Edwards, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Sherry Hockman, Brian Johnson, Dee Krause, Bobby Lowman, Peggy Lowman, Jerri Livingston, Kim Greene Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, 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, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jeff Shade, Danny & Julia Springer, **Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny & Julia Springer)**, Mary Stann, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Martha Tallant, Tracy Roach Walls, Haywood Watts, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman.

*****New additions to the Prayer List will be printed in bold for the first week.***

The lector this week is Jean Simmons. The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.

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

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



Birthdays	Missie LaBombard	8/28
	Kevin Munroe	9/1
	Lauren Weicht	9/1

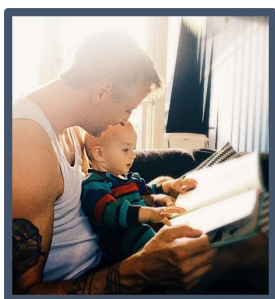
Upcoming Events:

- 8/28 House of Worship Meeting at St. Marks 2:00pm
- 8/29 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 8/31 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- 9/4 Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed



9/10 Service time changes back to 11:00am. Rally Day and the start of Sunday School. Pancake breakfast starts at 9:00am and Sunday School classes will start at 9:45am.

Your Books Wanted! Community Book Drive now through September 14



Research shows that reading aloud to kids is THE single most important act that you can do to help a child prepare for learning and reading. Donate books now to provide vulnerable children with the opportunity to read. Books can be donated here at Zion Reformed UCC.

All books will be counted, sorted by age group, boxed, and labeled on the **United Way's Day of Caring, Thursday, September 21st**

Service Credits

Hymns:

To God Be The Glory. Text by Fanny J. Crosby , tune by William H. Doane, 1875. Hymnary.org.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy. Frederick William faber 1854. Arr. by Julius Rontgen 1906. NCH no. 23.

For All the Saints. William W. How 1864. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906. NCH no. 299.

All additional music to be chosen by Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron stay.



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