

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP GUIDE

Fifteenth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023 @ 11 A.M.



Rejoice in our Rally Day

"Always welcome a new day with a smile on your lips and good thoughts in mind."

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 "Prelude and Fugue in C Major, d minor, F Major and G Major" J S Bach

Bells

Greeting, Announcements

Prelude "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" George J Elvey

***Call to Worship**

One: Welcome Home

All: Home is not a building or a place we meet.

One: Home is not just where we came from.

All: Home is more than people and memories.

One: Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.

All: Home is toys on the floor.

One: Home is a mess in the kitchen.

All: Home is a welcome at the door.

One: Home is a hug of acceptance.

All: Home is the laughter around the table, bread and cup.

One: Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.

All: Home is seeing where God is leading us

One: And going there together. Welcome home to Zion Reformed UCC

All: Where we welcome children, care for each other, and learn how to love.

One: Welcome Home.

All: Where we are better together. Amen.

***Hymn** "O Zion Hast, Thy Mission High Fulfilling" Red #380

Prayer of Hope (in unison)

Forgive us, O God for taking for granted the gifts of our lives.

Forgive us, O God for failing to give gifts to others.

Forgive us, O God for closing our hearts to strangers.

Forgive us, O God, for looking back instead of moving forward.

Come now and change us, so that we might change the world.

We pray in the power of Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Mark 9:36-37 Lector Rae Smith

Then [Jesus] took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "He Hideth My Soul" William J. Kirkpatrick

Children's Time "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" By: Mary Lee Donovan & Lian Cho

Scripture Philippians 1:3-11 Lector Rae Smith

I thank my God every time I think of you. In every prayer I utter, as I plead on your behalf, I rejoice at the way you have all continually helped promote the Good News from the very first day. And I am sure of this much: that God, who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus. It's only right that I should entertain such expectations about you, since I hold all of you dear—you who are all partakers of grace with me, even when I lie in prison or am summoned to defend the solid ground on which the Good News rests. God knows how much I long for each of you with all the affection of Christ Jesus! My prayer is that your love may abound more and more, both in understanding and in wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It's my wish that you be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Message

***Hymn** "Gather Us In" See Insert

WE RESPOND

Morning Prayer and Intercessions

One: Holy One in Your mercy

All: Receive our Prayers

Choral Music "The Lord's Prayer" C M Moblard

Invitation to Give

God is doing a new thing
Every minute of every day, God is at work, around us and within us
For the homeless, a place to live
For the hungry, a feast
For the thirsty, a cup of cold clean water that runneth over
For the weary, rest
For the lonely, a friend
For the sick, healing and wholeness
Every minute of every day, God is making all things new, giving and giving
and giving again
And we are called to be a part of God's work of generosity
We are called to give, to surrender time, talent, and treasure to this God-work of
making all things new
The morning offering will now be given and received!

Offertory

"In Dir ist freude (In thee Is Gladness)"

J S Bach

*Offertory Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

In this moment draw me to yourself, Adonai, and make me aware not so much of What I've given as of all that I have received and so have yet to share. Send me forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what I pray and profess, that in sharing, I may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy myself, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.

Ted Loder

*Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Black #25

Sending Forth

One: In work and worship
All: GOD IS WITH US.
One: Gathered and scattered
All: GOD IS WITH US.
One: Now and always
All: GOD IS WITH US.

Postlude:

"Toccatina from Sonata for Organ"

Robert Elmore

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, **Bob Barnhart**, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, **Tony & Sandy Carlin**, 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, Mary Lorfing, Kim Greene Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauchkin, Teresa Moats, Heather Morgan, **Susan Moscato**, Mary Murphy, **Nathan** (grandchild of a neighbor), 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, **Claudia Ruth and Family**, 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 Rae Smith. The lector next week is Rich Owens.

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.



Birthdays

Kara Hoover 9/15
Naomi Brackett 9/15

Upcoming Events:

- 9/11 CE team Meeting 5:30pm
- Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 9/12 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 9/14 Choir Practice 4:00pm
- 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- 9/15 Deadline for submitting articles for the October Newsletter



9/26 Resource Fair. We are looking for some help to setup for the Resource Fair. Please contact Sue Gaff or Carroll Sager.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Vienna Sausages during the month of September.

Thank you for your help in this outreach ministry.



\$5 WALL SEATING

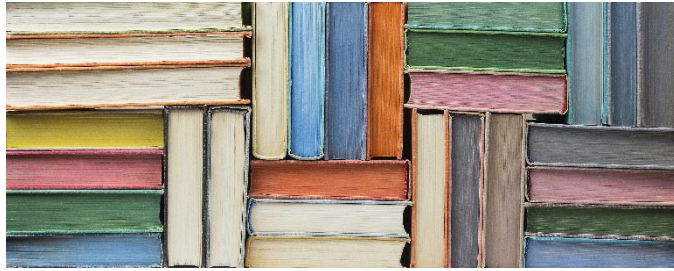
\$6 STREET SEATING

MUMMER'S PARADE SEATS AVAILABLE

PARADE: SATURDAY, OCT. 28 @ 6 PM
AVAILABLE NOW TO ZION ATTENDEES
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SEPT. 25TH

RESERVE A SPOT:
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Your Books Wanted!



Community Book Drive now
through September 14

Special Offering - Neighbors In Need



Artist: Alexis
Age: 15
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

Behold!

*"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31*

Mayflower United Church of Christ practices what it preaches.

It called for divestment from fossil fuels, and Mayflower Foundation became one of the first church organizations to invest in the Beyond Fossil Fuels fund of United Church Funds. It authored a resolution for General Synod that champions electrification to transition from fossil fuels to combat climate change, and it has committed itself to becoming a carbon neutral church by 2030. You can see the congregation's commitment to caring for God's creation in its 204 solar panels, its pollinator garden, its protests against fossil fuel pipelines, and its regard for Earth Sunday as a high holy day like Easter and Christmas. Get inspired by watching this video about Mayflower's commitments to creation justice: <https://bit.ly/MayflowerInspiration>





ZION Reformed United Church of Christ
New ONLINE Opportunities.

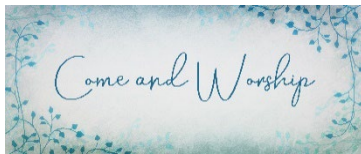


Adult Sunday School (*a merger of Journey and Arthur Grove's Class*) begins at 9:45 and will be lead by David Ridenour and Rae Smith. You can come in person to the Burhans Room or you can join on Zoom. The link will be found in the Friday Email and on the Website or you can type it into your search engine.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87602917867?pwd=NmRrQWxTVjg5cWNrL2RaNTN3ZU02UT09> - Password: Peace

The Adults will be Studying "God Provides"

Our Bible lessons follow the theme "God Provides" and remind us of the ways God meets our needs and of God's call to us to help those who lack life's essentials of food, water, and shelter. The writer of the student book Greg Weeks.



This same link used for Adult Ed will be used for those who want to worship with us via zoom. Start joining at 10:50 to fellowship on Zoom before worship. During Worship we will feed our live service into zoom. Consider turning your cameras on so you can see each other and feel free to chat during worship. Pastor Scott will be reading. **Please email Scott at**

Pastorwinnette@gmail.com if you want to rehearse using Zoom before Sunday.

**Service Credits
September 10**

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Hymns: O Zion Hast, Thy Mission High Fulfilling. Red 380. Tune: Tidings. Composed by James Walsh (1875). Words by Mary Anne Thomson (1870). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Gather Us In. Chalice 284. Words and Music by Marty Haugen (1981).
Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

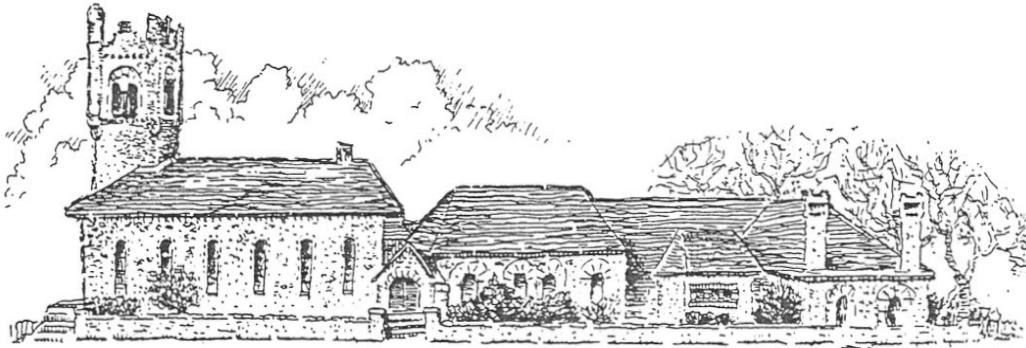
O God, Our Help in Ages Past. Tune: St. Anne. Composed by Isaac Watts (1719). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Choral Music: The Lord's Prayer. Composed by C. M. Moblard.
Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

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Offertory: In Dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness). Composed by H. S. Bach. © 1912 by G Schirmer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Toccata from Sonata for Organ. Composed by Robert Elmore. © 1980 by Harold Flammer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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