

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

World Communion SUNDAY
October 1 2023 @ 11 A.M.



"Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf"
1 Corinthians 10:17

We Gather To Praise God

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music

"The Old Hundredth"

J. S. Bach, Pachelbel, Walther, and Lau

Bells

Greeting, Announcements

Today is World Communion Sunday
Prayer Cards

Prelude

"Psalm XVIII"

Benedetto Marcello

***Call to Worship**

One: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

All: Let the design of your great love shine on us and your troubled world and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Beloved One, Jesus the Christ.

One: Let us worship our God and give thanks for the Child of Peace.

All: Amen.

***Hymn**

"The Kingdom of God on Earth"
(consider singing "all" instead of "men")

Red# 382

Prayer of Confession

One: Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:

All: Forgive us;

One: For preferring the safe, familiar, and certain to the risky, unknown and mysterious:

All: Forgive us;

One: For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

All: Forgive us;

One: For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

All: Forgive us;

One: For fearing those different from ourselves, and projecting onto them what we cannot accept within our own depth:

All: Forgive us;

One: For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day:

All: Forgive us;

One: Set us free we pray, to be whole human beings and to live our lives graciously and without fear.

Choral Response

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" (Verse 3)

See Insert

Scripture

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Amber Nilson

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from of old—the things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We won't hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation. We'll tell them of your praiseworthy deeds, YHWH, your power, and the wonders you have performed.

In the sight of their ancestors, you performed miracles in the land of Egypt, on the plain of Zoan. You split the sea and led them through it; you made the water stand like a wall. 14 You guided them with a cloud by day, and by night with the light of a fire. You split the rock in the wilderness and gave them water that gushed like the great seas—you brought streams out of the rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"

Zion Choir

Word for Children

Scripture Philippians 4:1-13

Lector: Amber Nilson

Therefore, my siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in God in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Holy. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in Adonai always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. God is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is

anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in Adonai greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Protected by Peace

***Hymn**

"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

Black #303

Call to the Offering

As I do each week, I invite you now to present your gifts. Through your offering and the things your gifts make possible, you are lights to the world, shining brightly and pointing toward the incredible power of compassion, justice, and faith. Let us give with joyful hearts.

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

Philippine farmer's prayer

**Holy One help us realize that our Christianity is like a rice field:
when it is newly-planted, the paddies are prominent;
but as the plants take root and grow taller,
these dividing paddies gradually vanish
and soon there appears one vast continuous field.
So, give us roots of love
and make us grow in Christian fellowship and service,
so that your will be done in our lives.
Through Jesus Your Beloved, Amen.**

Celebrating World Communion

Invitation

One: This liturgy, like this table, is shared by many people and many congregations. On World Communion Sunday, we especially acknowledge our beautiful diversity as part of God's creation and our unity in the Body of Christ. Let us draw near to one another as we come to Christ's Table.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to come together at this table.

Across political lines and economic lines, in places of powerfully protected affluence, and among the poorest of the poor, together we share a meal.

All: A meal of sourdough, rye, tortillas, crackers, wafers, white or wheat bread. A feast enjoying different juices or wines shared in simple cups, pottery chalices, or wine glasses. And yet through God's power this diverse meal unites us as one people – people remembering and celebrating the One who showed us peace is possible.

One: In solidarity with Christ at this table, the evil structures of this world are transformed. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your prayers, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are welcome, and all are celebrated.

All: Holy God, One of many names and faces, we thank you for the light and the darkness, for the division of the waters and dry land. We thank you for creating us in your image, to live connected with love, to see you in others to stretch from this table in this room across land and sea.

One: Moses revealed your vision in commandments and your people nurtured them in exile. Your prophets unleashed cries for justice and still the earth rains, blows, burns, and cries for peace. Through long generations we have ebb and flowed with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal.

All: We ask for your forgiveness and grace again and again. In the most beautiful and most oppressive of times, You still called us beloved.

One: Today we celebrate the gift of this table. We gather today, knowing that the table draws us closer to God, and closer to one another. We gather to commune as beloved friends; holding close to the story of Jesus. Jesus came as human and divine. To heal and encourage; to protect and nurture; to cultivate and guide. Jesus gathered with friends and crowds; on mountain tops and in murky waters; on boats and at tables.

Jesus came so we may know God.

In his final week, Jesus said goodbye to his disciples and friends. He gathered them in a room for a final meal. In remembrance of him, we gather in covenant with communities across the globe. And for the love of him, we gather in spirit with all the saints.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

One: Holy God, Creator of milk and honey, of wheat and grapes, over time this table has been a symbol of restoration and community, a call to remembrance. Bless this time in celebration. Draw us into thanksgiving for the gift of receiving your holy welcome and the powerful memory of the justice work of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer of Commitment

As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We give thanks! Amen!

***Hymn**

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Black #307

***Benediction**

One: Jesus teaches us:

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall be called the children of God.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall proclaim God's gift of peace in worship.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall equip themselves for peacemaking through prayer and Bible Study.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall make peace in their families.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall seek justice in their communities.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall learn from brothers and sisters around the world.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall work to end war.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall care for God's good earth.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall share what God has entrusted to them.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: For they shall be called children of God.

All: Blessed are the love-makers,

One: In the power of the Holy Spirit, go forth to follow Jesus. Go to seek justice. Go to love one another. Go to make peace. Go to be God's children.

All: Amen.

Adapted from the UCC Commitment to Peacemaking Service of Dedication.

Postlude

"Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

Erneuerten Gesangbuch

Please remain seated until the acolyte has doused the alter candles.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



Micah's Backpack is collecting Single Serve Pasta during the month of October.

Thank you for your help in this outreach ministry.



Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Peanut Butter during the month of October.



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, Bandit, Bob Barnhart, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Tony & Sandy Carlin, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Luke Edwards, Donna France, Ralph France, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Sherry Hockman, Brian Johnson, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Dee Krause, Bobby Lowman, Peggy Lowman, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, Kim Greene Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, 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 Amber Nilson. The lector next week is Barb Hendershot. Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, TBD. Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.



Birthdays

10/2 Toby Wantz
10/4 Bill Cook
10/4 Carroll Sager

Anniversaries

10/2 Carol and Michael Mooers

Upcoming Events:



10/1 Taste of the Town 5:00pm Maryland Theatre
10/2 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
10/3 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
10/5 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm

Save the Dates

10/13 CAC Annual Meeting
10/14 CAC Fall Meeting

Mummers Parade Seats

Seats are now on sale for the Mummers Parade, Oct 28th 6:00pm. \$6.00 for sidewalk and \$5.00 on the wall.





Trick or Treating in Zion Church

The children of the church and their cousins and friends are invited to Trick or Treat during Church School on October 29th. We invite the children and anyone else to wear costumes for a costume parade during the Children's Sermon in worship.

We could use some adults to decorate some church doors, adding festivity. Please let Pastor Scott know if you can help decorate.

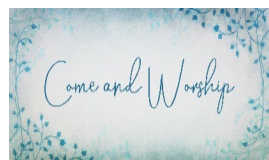
ZION Reformed United Church of Christ New ONLINE Opportunities.

Adult Sunday School (*a merger of Journey and Arthur Grove's Class*) begins at 9:45 and will be led 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

Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867



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

Gathering music: The Old Hundredth. Setting by J. S. Bach, Pachelbel, Walther, and Lau. © 2009 by Paraclete Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Psalm XVIII. Composed by Benedetto Marcello. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Suggested Hymns: O Master of the Waking World. Red 382. Tune: Melita.

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing. NCH 303. Tune Darwall's 148th.

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken. NCH 307. Tune: Austrian Hymn.

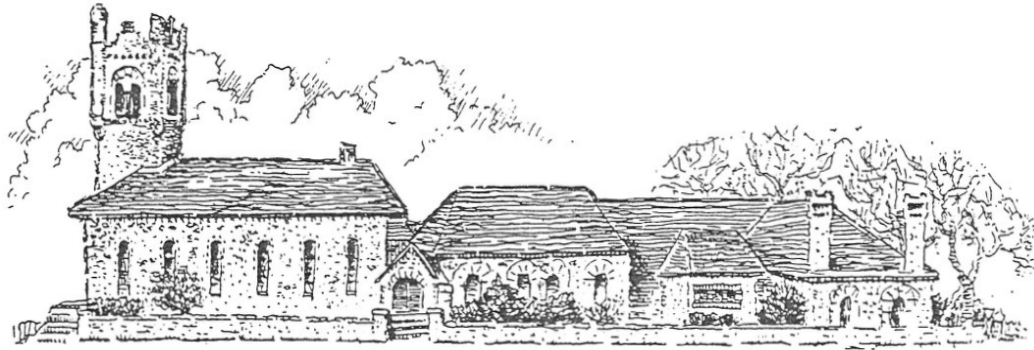
Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Choral anthem: Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace. Composed by C. M. Moblard.

Offertory: Where'er You Walk. Composed by Georg Frederick Handel. Arr. by Sue Mitchel-Wallace and John H. Head. © 1992 in the Joyous Wedding by Hope Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. Composed by Erneuernten Gesangbuch (1665). Arr. by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen. © 2000 by Augsburg Fortress. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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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.**

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ! We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. I believe you will find Zion Church an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that honors each spiritual journey. We encourage you to ask our members about our community, explore our bulletin and website and to gift us with your contact information (phone, address, email) in our Guest Book as you exit worship. We are ready to answer any question or to help connect you to any program that we can. I hope I have the opportunity to greet you in person after the service or that you'll contact me. Many blessings, Scott Winnette, Pastor (pastorwinnette@gmail.com)

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