

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost  
October 29 2023 @ 11 A.M.**



*"The Beatles were absolutely right about this, and during these uncertain times, this concept is more important than ever."  
Unknown*

**Gathering Music & Bells** "Settings of Ein feste Burg" Martin Luther

**Greeting, Announcements**

**Prelude** Festival Toccata on "St. Anne." William Croft

**Call to Worship**

One: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and has opened our eyes:

**All: We give you thanks.**

One: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, and the heart that sings:

**All: We give you thanks.**

One: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion:

**All: We give you thanks.**

One: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve;

**All: We give you thanks.**

One: O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love. Awaken us to the love that Christ offers, and draw us into your presence.

—from Iona Abbey Worship Book.

**\*Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress"

Black #439

## Prayer of Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ,  
God knows and receives us  
as we are.  
Listen, give thanks,  
and live.

## Choral Refrain

### Love, Love, Love, Love

anonymous

traditional Quaker round

1 Love, love, love, love; the Gos - pel in one word is Love.  
2 Peace, peace, peace, peace; the Gos - pel in one word is Peace.  
3 Joy, joy, joy, joy; the Gos - pel in one word is Joy.

3 Love your neigh - bor as your self, for God is Love.  
Peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing: Peace, peace, peace.  
Joy that fills to ov - er - flow - ing: Joy, joy, joy.

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## Scripture

John 15:9-14 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jean Simmons

As my Abba has loved me,  
so have I loved you.  
Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love  
if you keep my commandments,  
just as I live on in Abba God's love  
and have kept God's commandments.

I tell you all this that my joy may be yours,  
and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Word for Children**

Costume Parade

**Anthem**

"A Call to Silence"

Zion Choir

**Scripture**

Matthew 22:34-46

The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jean Simmons

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Jesus answered: " 'You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' "That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well." While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?" They said, "David's." Then Jesus asked, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah 'Sovereign'? For he says, 'The Most High said to my Sovereign, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.'" "If David calls the Messiah 'Sovereign,' how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?" No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions. One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Love, Love, Love, Love

**\*Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Black #43

**Morning Prayer**

One: God, often it is difficult to feel any hope. We hear so much bad news. Often situations around us appear to be out of control and we feel powerless to change them. Yet, You created a good world and You empowered us with the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Help us to see and celebrate signs of Your continuing creative power at work in our world today.

**All: Fill us with hope as we pray.**

One: In the midst of war and hunger,

**All: We celebrate the promise of peace and plenty.**

One: In the midst of oppression and tyranny,

**All: We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**

One: In the midst of fear and betrayal,

**All: We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.**

One: In the midst of hatred and death,

**All: We celebrate the promise of love and life.**

One: In the midst of sin and decay,

**All: We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**

One: In the midst of dying,

**All: We celebrate the promise of the Living Christ. Amen.**

Sharing Concerns and Celebrations

## The Prayer that Jesus Teaches Us

**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.**

### Choral Response

"You are Salt for the Earth"

Zion Choir

### Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

#### Call to the Offering,

Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.

### Offertory

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

William Knapp

### \*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)

**Holy, Holy, Holy God, You call us, You claim us, You charge us.  
We now offer to You all of who we are, and willingly ask You to use us and our gifts  
to recreate the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

Black #573

### \*Benediction

One: Go forth into the gift-laden world.  
**All: Beauty is before us.**  
One: Beauty is behind us.  
**All: Beauty is above us.**  
One: Beauty is below us.  
**All: Praise to the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.  
Praise! Praise! Praise! Amen.**

### Postlude

"Toccatina and Fugue in d minor"

J. S. Bach

*Please remain seated until the acolyte has doused the altar candles.*

## CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



## COMMUNION SERVICE

**Communion Service at Zion Church.** Communion is offered each week. On the first Sundays of the month we will celebrate a complete Eucharist in worship. On the following Sundays Pastor Scott will consecrate a plate and cup to be placed in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to partake.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** has begun for 6th-12th graders. You can still join. This is an opportunity to be introduced to the tenants of Christian faith, the meanings behind the practices of our Reformed worship, the common ethics of other religions and the opportunities of membership at Zion. The class is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.



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



Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Peanut Butter during the month of October. Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.



Head Start of Washington County is once again collecting hats and gloves for girls and boys ages 3 – 5 years old. We will be accepting donations until the end of November. There will be a box near the middle doors for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## ***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. 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, Naomi Brackett, Holly Bell, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Luke Edwards,

Donna France, Ralph France, Shirley Fuss, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, **Beth Gross**, Elwood Hauver, Sherry Hockman, Brian Johnson, Toinetta Jones, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Family of JoAnn Myers, Teresa Moats, Heather Morgan, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, **Mary Pietsch**, George Pietsch, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Henry V Rothrock, Betsy Roulette, **Verna Rosenfield**, Brianna Russell, **Emma Schnebly**, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jeff Shade, **Family of Danny Springer**, Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny & Julia Springer), Mary Stann, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Robin Thorstrom, Tracy Roach Walls, Eric Wolbring, Uncle Walter.

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

We are saddened to announce the passing of long time member Julia Springer.



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

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Jean Simmons. Middle Door – TBD. Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle doors.

## Birthdays



10/31 Toby Bell  
11/2 John Schnebly  
11/3 Wells Ridenour

## Upcoming Events:



10/31 HARC Clergy/After School Program Meeting 10:00am  
Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)  
11/1 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm  
Who's Your Cousin? 7:00pm  
11/2 Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm  
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm  
11/4 Zion Leadership Bonfire 4:00pm

## Save the Dates

11/6 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm  
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm

## Who's Your Cousin?

Have you ever wondered about your ancestors and how they lived? Join Carol Miller-Schultz to learn tips and techniques to start a journey into your family's past. Carol will share the essential tools for tracing your family history and free resources to assist with your quest. Carol teaches genealogy at Hagerstown Community College. She has been researching her family for more than 30 years. We will not hold the 6:00 potluck this week but will have hearty snacks.

## Organ & Trumpet Recital

**November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Zion's historic Sanctuary**

Performed by Zion musicians, Claire Marie Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter). Featuring Zion's historic Moeller Pipe Organ.



**Service Credits**  
**October 29**  
**CCLI number: 6212519**

**Gathering music:** Settings of Ein feste Burg. Composed by Martin Luther. Arr. by Timothy Albrecht. © 2000 by Augsburg Fortress.

Buxtehude (Barenreiter-Verlag).

Arr. by Johann C. Kittel. C 1951 Oliver Ditson.

Arr. Johann Nicolaus Hanff. C 1951 Oliver Ditson. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Arr. Cherwien. Sacred Music Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Festival Toccata on "St. Anne." Composed by William Croft. Arr. by Frederick Swann. © 1998 by Tarzana Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Choral response** (after sermon): You Are Salt for the Earth. Composed by Marty Haugen.

**Hymns:** A Mighty Fortress. NCH 439. Composed by Martin Luther. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Love Divine. NCH 43. Tune: Beecher. Composed by John Zundel (1855). Words by Charles Wesley (1747). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

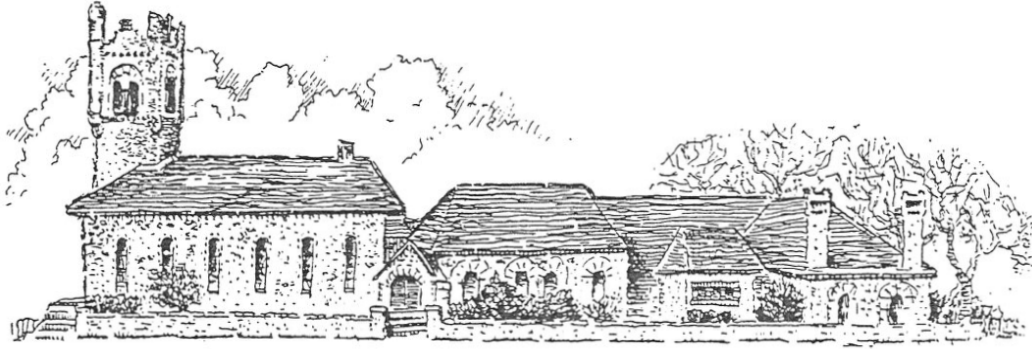
Lead On Eternal Sovereign. NCH 573. Composed by Henry T. Smart (1836). Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

**Choir anthem:** A Call to Silence. Composed by Craig Courtney. Words by Pamelad Martin. © 2003 by Beckenhorst Press.

**Offertory:** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright. Composed by William Knapp. Arr. by Gilbert M. Martin. © 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Toccata and Fugue in d minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1912 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



## Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

### **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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