ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 26, 2023 11:00 A.M.



"The United Church of Christ's justice work builds a stronger faith-based movement for peace, justice, equality and inclusivity. Our work is rooted in the teachings of scripture and the policies of our General Synod." UCC Web-site

Gathering I	Music & Bells	"Fantasia and Praeludium"	Johann Pachelbel
Greeting, A	nnouncements	5	
Prelude		Choral Improvisation on "Now Thank We All."	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Call to Wor One: All: One: All: One: All:	We wake up in How majestic We are warme How majestic We watch the	the morning and see the sunrise: c is your name in all the earth! d by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation: c is your name in all the earth! moon light up the night; we fall asleep to the lullab c is your name in all the earth! Amen.	ies of the stars:
*Hymn		"Now Thank We All Our God"	Black #419

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You call us to be your children; you gift us to serve all people; you send us to proclaim your good news to all: glory to you, Creator of all that is new. When you are lonely, we have a chance to visit you; when you are hungry, we can share our food with you; when you are naked, we can give you the clothes off our back; when you are sick, we can nurse you back to health: glory to you, Savior of the world. You whisper in our ears, so we may praise you; you fill our souls, so we may serve you; you lead us into the beloved community, so we may live with you: glory to you, Spirit of gentleness. Glory to you, God in Community, Holy and One. Amen.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, Draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns; nothing lost, but held forever, In God's gracious arms. [Chorus]

Let our hearts touch far horizons, So encompass great and small; Let our loving know no borders, Faithful to God's call. [Chorus]

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Lector: Wells Ridenour

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "God scatters abroad, gives to the poor; and righteousness endures forever."

One: Listen the what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word for Children

Anthem	"Give Thanks"	Deborah Govenor
Scripture	Luke 17:11-19	Lector: Wells Ridenour

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Accepting the Good

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

*Hymn

Morning Prayer

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.

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

*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. Amen

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

O God of the high heavens, O Christ of the deep earth, O Spirit of the flowing waters, You have offered Your body to us, and here we pledge our bodies and gifts to You. Strengthen us in our desire, and breathe into us the passion of Your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn

"O for a World"

Black #575

*Benediction

- One: Let us go from this time of silence and song to be God's voice:
- All: To speak out for the oppressed of our communities and the world.
- One: Let us go from this time of community to be Jesus' faithful:
- All: To feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to be a friend to the prisoners.
- One: Let us go from this sacred space to share the peace of the Spirit:
- All: To work for reconciliation in our neighborhoods, to put an end to violence and death.

One: Go in peace.

All: We go in love. Amen.

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Congregational Fellowship





Please stay after service today to help put up our Christmas Trees. We will be decorating them next Sunday, December 3rd. Pizza for lunch for those of you who stay.

***Volunteers are needed to make and serve dinner at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Wednesday, November 29. The meal must be ready to serve at 7 pm. Clean up is usually finished by 8:30. Please contact Carroll Sager at <u>carroll.sager@gmail.com</u> if you can help.

Congregational Meeting

The Zion Consistory announces the Winter Congregational Meeting session will be held December 10th immediately following worship. The agenda will consist of discussing and voting on the 2024 budget, and consistory 2024 nominees. All members are encouraged to participate in this important business meeting! Budget proposals will be mailed out to members or can be picked-up for review from the vestibule.

The following members will continue their currently elected terms: Elders – Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Carol Mooers, Tina Shafer, and Susie Clutz, Deacons – Rich Owens, Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, and Jean Simmons.

2024 Nominee for Deacon is Becky Hohman.



Micah's Backpack is collecting Single Serve Oatmeal Packets during the month of November.



Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Canned Fruit during the month of November. 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 age 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, Holly Bell, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, Shirley Fuss, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Brian Johnson, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, The Martin family, Heather Morgan, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny Springer), **Jessica Stark**, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, The Tencer family, Tracy Roach Walls,.

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



The lector this week is Rich Owens. The lector next week is Amber Nilson. Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Missie LaBombard. Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz. Greeters for this week are: Front Door – TBD. Middle Door – Jean Simmons.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle doors.

Birthdays



- 11/26 Matt McDonald
- 11/30 Chris Emmert
- 12/01 Matthew Cook
- 12/02 Richard Owens

Upcoming Events:



- 11/26 Put up Christmas Trees after Sunday Service
 11/27 Cook Dinner at Reach 5:30pm
 11/28 Giving Tuesday
 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
 11/29 Properties Team Meeting 10:00 am
 Cook Dinner at Reach 5:30pm
 Wednesday Potluck 6:00 pm
- 11/30 Executive Team Meeting 2:00 pm 4-H Club Meeting 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm

Save the Dates

- 12/03 Decorate Christmas Trees after Sunday Service
- 12/09 Easy-cise Class 9:00 am
- 12/10 Congregational Meeting 12:00 pm
 - Holiday Workshop following the Congregational Meeting. Please use the sign up sheet located on the table in the chapel.

Wednesday Pot Luck



Our Wednesday Evening Potluck is back. This is a great way to leave the workday behind and just relax. Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the Chapel for good food, interesting discussions, and great fellowship. Bring your favorite dish for everyone to try.

Giving Tuesday



GivingTuesday is November 28th. Nonprofits, community organizers, grassroots groups, and mutual aid networks from all over the world have been using GivingTuesday as a galvanizing moment for their communities since 2012. Consider supporting Zion's General Fund or Outreach Funds this year on GivingTuesday by clicking-<u>https://onrealm.org/ZRUCC/-/form/give/now.</u>

Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one for Christmas, please fill out the enclosed form and return to Rae Smith. Poinsettias will be offered in either red or pink and are \$10 each. The deadline for ordering is December 3rd.



If you would like a box of Offering Envelopes for the upcoming year, please let Rae Smith know. Office phone number 301-739-7244, e-mail zionrucc@myactv.net

Social Justice

/soh-shuhl juhs-tis / noun

Social Justice refers to the view that everyone deserves equal rights, opportunities, and treatment regardless of their race, economic status, sexuality, or gender identity.



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Gathering music: Fantasia and Praeludium. Composed by Johann Pachelbel. © Belwin Mills Publishing Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

P**relude:** Choral Improvisation on "Now Thank We All." Composed by Sigfrid Karg-Elert. © 1959 by H. W. Gray Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymn suggestions: Now Thank We All Our God. NCH 419. Composed by Johann Cruger (1647). Words by Robin Rinkart 1647. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff. NCH 418. Swiss folk melody. Words by Thomas T. Lynch (1855). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

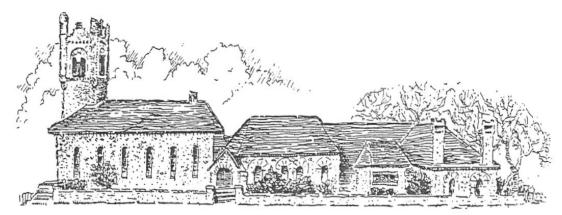
O for a World. NCH 575. Tune: Azmon. Composed by Carl G. Glaser (1828). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: Give Thanks. Composed by Deborah Govenor. © 2003 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Offertory: Sleepers Awake. Arr. by C. M. Moblard for Christopher. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1959 by the H. W. Gray Co., Inc. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and 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)



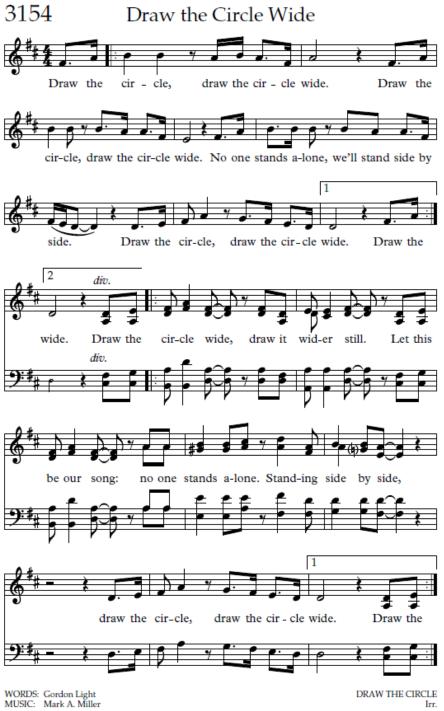
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