

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday May 5, 2024 11:00am



*"I love to tell the story, of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love." A. Catherine Hankey*

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

John Darwell

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are joining us either in person or online.

## PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Stuart K. Hine

## \*CHILDREN'S CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from a poem of Shane O'Reilly

One: Joy,

**All: my Life**

One: Mystery,

**All: my Partner**

One: Belonging,

**All: my Love**

One: Narrowness,

**All: my Encounter**

One: Fear,

**All: my Poison**

One: Time,

**All: my Opportunity**

One: Now,

**All: my Eternity**

One: Space,

**All: my Proof**

One: Hope,

**All: my Salvation**

One: Stop,

**All: my Awakening**

One: Look,

**All: my Presence**

One: Go,

**All: my Creation**

One: Gratitude,

**All: my Answer. Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*HYMN**

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing*

I'm gon-na sing\* when the Spir - it says sing. I'm gon-na  
sing when the Spir - it says sing. I'm gon-na sing when the  
Spir - it says sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

In verses 2-5 replace the word SING with - v2 – pray, v3 -moan, v4 – tell, v5 – shout

**PRAYER OF HOPE**

One: When I am stripped of power.  
When I am grieving.  
When I am a stranger.  
When I am humiliated.

**All: May I trust in your promised land.  
May I know your joy.  
May I meet you within and in others.  
May I learn that your harvest is for all.**

One: When I am powerful.  
When I am celebrating.  
When I am at home.  
When I am rewarded.

**All: May I trust in your promised land.  
May I know your joy.  
May I meet you within and in others.  
May I learn that your harvest is for all. Amen & Alleluia!**

Tim Aldred, Wild Goose Big Book of Worship

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jubilate Deo*

Prætorius

**Jubilate Deo**

**Jubilate Deo**

**Alleluia** (repeat 3 times)

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 7:1-10 NRSV

Lector: Carol Mooers

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore, I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM***O Happy Day*

Zion Choir

**WORD FOR CHILDREN***The Yes*

by Sara Bee and Satoshi Kitamura

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 98

Lector: Carol Mooers

Interpretation of Nan Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*

O sing to the Beloved a new song, for Love has done marvellous things! By the strength of your Indwelling Presence, we, too, are called to do great things; we are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.

Yes, your steadfast Love and faithfulness are ever-present gifts in our lives. All the ends of the earth have seen the glory of Love's Eternal Flame.

Make a joyful noise to the Beloved all the earth; break forth into grateful song and sing praises! Yes, sing songs of praise extolling Love's way; lift up your hearts with gratitude and joy!

Let the voices of all people blend in harmony, in unison let the people magnify the Beloved! Let the sea laugh, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills ring out with joy before the Beloved, who radiates Love to all the earth. For Love reigns over the world with truth and justice bringing order and balance to all of Creation.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON***I Love to Tell The Story*

Dr. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN***I Love to Tell The Story*

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**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS****OFFERTORY***Adagio in g minor*

T. Albinoni

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

Dependable God, in whom we live and move and have our being, once again You have filled us with hope and blessed us with grace. And we are grateful. We now offer our very selves as a fragrant offering to You. Receive us, transform us, and use us for Your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Luke 2:14

## Glory to God

34

① Dm Gm C F ② Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

③ Dm Gm C F ④ Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from north, south, east, and west to sit at the table in the realm of God.

**All: Here in this place, the communion table is open to people of all races, creeds, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic circumstances, and ages: adults, teens, and children.**

One: This is Christ's table; all are invited to share the feast which he has prepared.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us continue in prayer...

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Shall We Gather at the River  
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

Robert Lowry  
Rowland H. Prichard

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)**

**God of grace, we give thanks for your presence with us  
through the gifts of communion—  
the food and prayers we share—  
the love we share for one another and for you.  
Nourished by your love,  
may we go forth to proclaim the good news  
that your spirit is alive!  
May we follow the lead of our Good Mother,  
to walk in paths of righteousness,  
and to love one another in word and action,  
that all may walk without fear,  
and feast at the table of abundance,  
and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

NCH #294

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May the roads rise to meet you,

**All: May the winds be always at our back,**

One: May the sun shine warm upon your face,

**All: The rains fall soft upon our fields,**

One: And until we meet again,

**All: May God hold us all in the hollow of God's hand. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*St. George's Windsor*

George J. Elvey

**Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.**

## Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Micah's Backpack** is collecting Granola Bars in the month of May.

**Our Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting Laundry Pods, Baby Wipes, and Pancake Mix in the month of May.

We are in need of volunteers on **Tuesday Nights** to help in both the kitchen and the pantry. Contact Kim Ridenour or the office if you are interested.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## 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, John Bartley, Koda Bell, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Bryan Jones, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, David Lee Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Brian Johnson, Kamry, Dee Krause, Missie LaBombard, Jerri Livingston, Brenda Lohman, Peggy Lowman, Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, **James Penick**, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, **Christel Wolbring, Eric Wolbring.**

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

## Other Announcements

### **Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck**

Wednesday Night Study and Potluck. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Chapel when we will continue with our video series on Gratitude. Come and join us for a potluck meal (bring what you like), devotion and fellowship.

### **Graduation Sunday – May 19, 2024**

We would like to honor all our graduates on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have a graduate in your family, or know of one, please contact Pastor Scott or the office with the information.

### **The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus – May 19, 2024 3:00pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of great music with the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus at trinity UCC, 30 West North St., Waynesboro, PA

### **Getting Ready for VBS – June 17–19, 2024 6:00-8:00pm - Christ's Reformed UCC & ZOOM**

We are ready to dive into Vacation Bible School. Our theme is SCUBA, diving into friendship with God. We will be sharing God's word for three evenings, Monday-Wednesday June 17-19 from 6-8pm. We are excited to partner with Christ's Reformed UCC.

We are looking for volunteers:

- crew leaders (chaperons for the individual groups)
- station leaders (craft, games, snacks, and Bible-telling)
- storytellers
- registration volunteers
- other volunteers

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Carol Mooers. The lector next week is Jean Simmons.  
Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.  
Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.  
Greeters for this week are: Front Door – TBD. Middle Door – TBD.  
Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

5/6 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm  
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm  
5/7 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Upstairs in the Chapel Area)  
5/8 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm  
5/9 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm  
5/10 CAC Youth Retreat  
5/11 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

### Birthdays

5/11 Marilyn Newlin

### Anniversaries

5/5 Barb & Charley Ware

### Service Credits CCLI Number: 6212519 May 5

**Gathering music:** Rejoice the Lord is King. Composed by John Darwell. Arrangements by Frederick Swan, Charles Callahan, and George Blake.

**Prelude:** How Great Thou Art. Composed by Stuart K. Hine. Arr. by Craig Courtney. © 1981 by Manna Music.

**Hymns:** I'm Gonna Sing (See Scott for info).

I Love to Tell the Story. NCH 522. Tune: Hankey. Composed by William G. Fischer (1869). Words by Katherine Hankey (1866).

There's a Spirit in the Air. NCH 294. Tune: Orientis Partibus. Medieval French melody. Words by Brian Wren.

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

**Choir Anthem:** O Happy Day. Text by Philip Doddridge. Music by Edward F. Rimbault.

**Communion:** Shall We Gather at the River. Composed by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2017 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him. Composed by Rowland H. Prichard. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2017 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

**Offertory:** Adagio in g minor. Composed by T. Albinoni.

**Postlude:** St. George's Windsor. Composed by George J. Elvey. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing House.

## 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.*



## Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

**Welcome** to the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, an **Open and Affirming Church** striving to welcome and value all people and creation. I am glad you have joined us 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. I encourage you to ask me or our members about our community, explore our bulletin and website and gift us with your contact information (phone, address, email) in our Guest Book or Pew Card. I/we are ready to answer any question or to help connect you to any program that we can. I hope to greet you in person after the service or that you'll contact me.

Many blessings, Pastor Scott



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