

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation & Graduation

May 19, 2024 11:00am



Voices of the Wind

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

A
new
kind of
fire, and
new speech
brought to voice:
words that are flames
through walls that divide;
language that's praise sung
in harmonies of the Spirit;
inclusive vocabulary of love.
Drink deep the new wine of
freedom, all slaves. Dream
as equals, world's sons and
daughters. See the visions
of the paradise of peace.
Wherever wind blows
the Spirit will flow:
the fire that
quenches
our
thirst

GATHERING MUSIC and BELLS

For the Beauty of the Earth
Creation
Pomp and Circumstance

Conrad Kocher
Josef Haydn
Edward Elgar

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning

Brian Richey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, Holy Spirit,

All: we celebrate your presence.

One: Welcome, Comforter,

All: touch our souls with your peace.

One: Welcome, Awakener,

All: touch our souls with your life.

One: Welcome, Disturber,

All: touch our souls with your truth.

One: Lady Wisdom,

you waken us to the truth of God;

fan the fire of holy love,

teach us the best way,

and comfort us –

in distress or failure.

**All: May our worship
honor your presence
among us.**

Amen.

Chris Polhill, Wild Goose Worship Group

*HYMN

Spirit

See insert from Chalice Hymnal 249

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks
for a brand-new day,
a festival day,
a holy day,
a restful day,
a Pentecost day.

Let us give thanks
for renewal,
regeneration,
revival.

Let us give thanks
for inspiration,
hope,
love
and praise.

Let us give thanks
for babies and toddlers,
children and young adults,
middle-aged and old folk –
all the people of God.

Let us give thanks
for the church,
its buildings,
its history,
its sense of community.

Let us give thanks
for ministers and missionaries,
craftsmen and artists,
engineers and chemists
who have made a difference to our world.

Let us give thanks
for the Holy Spirit,
God's gift to us
on this special day.
Amen

John Murning, Spill the Beans

***HYMN**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

NCH 267

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

Felicity Shafer, Elizabeth Hatfield, Ivan Dwyer, Parker Ragland

A GRADUATION PRAYER

Director of Christian Education present Graduation Care Packages

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Confirmation Class

ANTHEM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Zion Choir

PARAPHRASE OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 2

Lector: Missie LaBombard

It had been a strange few weeks.
Jesus had told us to stay in Jerusalem
and to wait for the power that the Holy Spirit would give us.
All the disciples were here
(except for Judas, who had killed himself),
and over a hundred followers of Jesus,
and we had all gathered together
on the morning of the Feast of Pentecost.
As well as all the people living in Jerusalem,
there were thousands of visitors
as this was a pilgrimage holiday
to celebrate the giving of the Torah,
and to thank God for the harvest.

It's difficult to describe to you what happened.
All of sudden there was a loud noise –
it sounded like a wind had come right inside the house –
a strong wind, the sort that can cause real damage,
and when we looked at each other
we could see flames, real flames, hovering over each other's heads,
and it felt like something was filling us up,
filling us up with wonder and love and joy.

We came out of the house into the crowded street.
We were praising God –
we were talking and laughing and crying.
Whatever it was that had happened to us
it was amazing.
It felt really good.

We must have been making quite a noise,
as people stopped and listened to us,
people from all over
from Mesopotamia and Egypt,
from Cappadocia and Libya and Crete.
And somehow they could all understand
what we were saying,
even though they all spoke different languages;
it was really odd.

People began asking questions,
some people thought we were drunk,
and Peter knew that he had to say something,
and he got up
and began to preach.

John Murning, Spill the Beans

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Voices of the Wind

***HYMN**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (Verses 1 & 2)

NCH 351

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

INVITATION AND INTRODUCTION

Toby Bell, Ivan Dwyer, Max Dwyer, Moly Dwyer, James McDonald

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

One: Do you desire to confirm your baptism, affirm your faith and join in this family of Jesus?
Candidates: I do.

One: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?
Candidates: I do.

One: Do you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? **Candidates: I do.**

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the ways of Jesus,
to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and
word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? **Candidates: I do, with the help of God.**

One: Do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in the Christian Faith and to
be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and
furthering Christ's mission in the world? **Candidates: I do, with the help of God.**

One: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of the local church as it serves this community and the world? **Candidates: I do, with the help of God.**

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Consistory President:

Let us, the members of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation:

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We have watch as you have grown in faith among us. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen savior.

Consistory President:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love and fellowship, welcoming you into the company of this church.

(Consistory President hands out bibles, Mentors give crosses, and the Elders and Deacons extend the right hand of fellowship to the new members.)

***HYMN**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

NCH 290

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 for we are all made in the image of our beloved Creator.

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 BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)

**Spiraling Spirit,
through this meal
ground us in community
with compassionate welcome
to all who touch the threshold of this place.
Dare us to proclaim
your disturbing power
and summer glory
in the harshness
of the world's winter.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

William H. Monk

***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)

Spirit of wind and fire, God of great possibilities, breathe Your new life into the world through these gifts we return to You. Give us the gift of carrying You to others in ways that all may understand. Make us instruments of Your peace, through our own spiritual gifts and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.

***HYMN**

Hail, O Festal Day

NCH 262

***BENEDICTION**

One: Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,

**All: To all the people we can,
As long as ever we can!**

John Wesley

POSTLUDE

Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance)

Alfred V. Fedak

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, **Darrin and Cara Eichelberger**, Donna France, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, David Lee Hatfield **Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver**, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Brian Johnson, Kamry, **Family of Dorian Knode**, Dee Krause, **Barry Landis**, Missie LaBombard, Jerri Livingston, Brenda Lohman, Peggy Lowman, **Family of Andy Miller** (Rev. Mary Norville's father), Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, The family of Dr. 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, **Family of Shirley Weaver**, Erick Wellnitz, Christel Wolbring, **Eric Wolbring**, Johnathan Wood, The family of Robert Yeoman (brother of Annie Penick).

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

Other Announcements

****SERVICE TIME CHANGES TO 10:00AM NEXT WEEK ****

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.

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus - TODAY at 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 6:30-8:00pm

Pick up your registration form today in the Chapel, or you can go to the Zion website to access it online.

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 6:30-8pm doors open at 6:15pm. 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

We will be having Hot Dogs on Monday, June 17th at 5:45pm to kick off VBS.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Missie LaBombard. The lector next week is Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Megan Shroyer. 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.

TODAY - End of Year Celebration 3 to 6 p.m. for all Zion Youth (birth to 12th grade) and their families. Potluck dinner, campfire and yard games at the Shroyer House.

5/20 Resource Fair Team Meeting 11:00am

5/21 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

5/22 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm

5/23 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

5/24 Zion Book Club 7:00pm

Birthdays

5/19 Randy Schultz

5/23 Steve Burgan

5/21 Amber Nilson

5/24 Steve Wise

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519

May 19

Gathering music: For the Beauty of the Earth. Tune: Dix. Traditional German melody). Arr. by Conrad Kocher. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 43200
Creation. Composed by Josef Haydn. Arr. by David Lasky. Both © 2024 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Prelude: The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning. Arr. by Brian Richey. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Spirit. Tune: Spirit. Composed by James K. Manley (1975). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us. NCH 267. Tune: Ebenezer. Composed by Thomas J. Williams (1890). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart. NCH 290. Tune: Morecambe. Composed by Frederick C. Atkinson (1870). Words by Bianco de Stena. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hail, O Festal Day! NCH 262. Tune: Festal Day. Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906). Words by Venantius. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus. Indian Folk Melody. Arr. by R. Kevin Boesiger. © 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

Offertory: For Your Gift of God the Spirit. Composed by William H. Monk. Arr. by Stephen Burtonwood. © 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: Adagio. Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance). Composed by Alfred V. Fedak. © 2018 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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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