

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Memorial Day – First Sunday after Pentecost
May 26, 2024 10:00am



“America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels.”

Claudia Pemberton

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS *God of Our Fathers (National Hymn)*
Fanfare for the Common Man

George Warren
Aaron Copland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic)*

Mary McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We cannot change the past,

All: But we can remember and learn from it.

One: We may not understand the decisions and sacrifices of days long ago,

All: But we can respect them and learn from them.

One: We cannot know what the coming days will bring,

All: But we can remember that God is faithful, loving and always with us.

*HYMN

America the Beautiful

Red 443

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

O God, how many times have we selfishly focused on our ourselves instead of being guided by you? How many times have we pushed to have our own agenda as our priority instead of following your example? How many times have we not remembered your love and faithfulness of the past? We are sorry for our shortcomings. Help us to be a better example for the world. Help us to remember you and your teachings at all times, whether it is a time of sadness or a time of joy. Give us the strength to accomplish this. We ask this in your name. Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In 2 Kings, chapter 20 verse 5, we read these words from God: The Lord God of David said, "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you." May it be so. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12: 6-17 The Living Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

"On the evening of the fourteenth day of this month, all these lambs shall be killed, and their blood shall be placed on the two side-frames of the door of every home and on the panel above the door. Use the blood of the lamb eaten in that home. Everyone shall eat roast lamb that night, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The meat must not be eaten raw or boiled, but roasted, including the head, legs, heart, and liver. Don't eat any of it the next day; if all is not eaten that night, burn what is left. Eat it with your traveling clothes on, prepared for a long journey, wearing your walking shoes, and carrying your walking sticks in your hands; eat it hurriedly. This observance shall be called the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt tonight and kill all the oldest sons and firstborn male animals in all the land of Egypt and execute judgment upon all the gods of Egypt- for I am Jehovah. The blood you have placed on the doorposts will be proof that you obey me, and when I see the blood I will pass over you and I will not destroy your firstborn children when I smite the land of Egypt. You shall celebrate this event each year (this is a permanent law) to remind you of this fatal night. The celebration shall last seven days. For the entire period you are to eat only bread made without yeast. Anyone who disobeys this rule at any time during the seven days shall be excommunicated from Israel. On the first day of the celebration, and again on the seventh day, there will be special religious services for the entire congregation, and no work of any kind may be done on those days except the preparation of food. This annual "Celebration with Unleavened Bread" will cause you to always remember today as the day when I brought you out of the land of Egypt; so it is a law that you must celebrate this day annually, generation after generation.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Poppies

SCRIPTURE

John 15:12-13 The Living Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. And here is how to measure it- the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends.

ANTHEM

Lord Make Me An Instrument Of Thy Peace

Zion Choir

SERMON

Memorial Day

RESPONSE AFTER SERMON

In Memoriam

Lani Smith

***HYMN**

Not Alone for Mighty Empire

Red 442

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Zion Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

As we give back to you, may we remember those in the past who gave so generously that we may be who we are today.

OFFERTORY

Musings on "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Robert Lau

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**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

We bow our heads and thank you for your love. Make us strong to do your work, willing to heed and hear your will and write on our hearts these words, "use power to help people." There is but one use of power, and it is to serve people. Help us to remember it. Amen

George Bush

***HYMN**

O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

Red 436

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "America the Beautiful"

Matthew H. Corl

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.



Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting canned meats. Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Sausage, SPAM, etc. for the month of June.

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, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, **Blaine Dockery**, 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, Dee Krause, **Barry Landis**, Missie LaBombard, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, **Katie Martin**, 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, **The Shank Family**, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, Christel Wolbring, **Eric Wolbring**, **The Family of Harry Wood, II**, **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

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.

Getting Ready for VBS – June 17–19, 2024 6:30-8:00pm at Zion Reformed UCC

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.

Tuesday Night Ministries -

Thank you REACH for donating food items to our Tuesday Night Ministries.

Thank you to United Way for supplying us with personal hygiene products through their program. Our neighbors are very grateful and thankful for these items.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Rae Smith. The lector next week is Rick Waters.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, TBD.

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Lisa Saum. Middle Door – Calvin Livingston.

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

- 5/27 Memorial Day – Office Closed
- 5/28 VBS Meeting 12:30pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 5/29 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm
Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm
- 5/30 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm

Birthdays

- 5/28 Kristin Grosh
- 5/29 Scott Rhodes
- 5/31 Lisa Saum

Anniversaries

- 5/31 Krista & Steve Burgan

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
May 26

Gathering music: God of Our Fathers (National Hymn). Composed by George Warren. Arr. by Mary McDonald and Lani Smith. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Fanfare for the Common Man. Composed by Aaron Copland. © 1944 by the Aaron Copland Fund for Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory. Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7024531

Hymns: America the Beautiful. Red 443. Tune: Materna. Composed by S. A. Ward (1881). Words by Katharine Lee Bates (1895). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Not Along for Mighty Empire. Red 442. Tune: Hyfrydol. Composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard. Words by Pierson Merrill (1911). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand. Red 436. Tune: Duke Street. Composed by John Hatton. Words by Leonard Bacon (1833). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

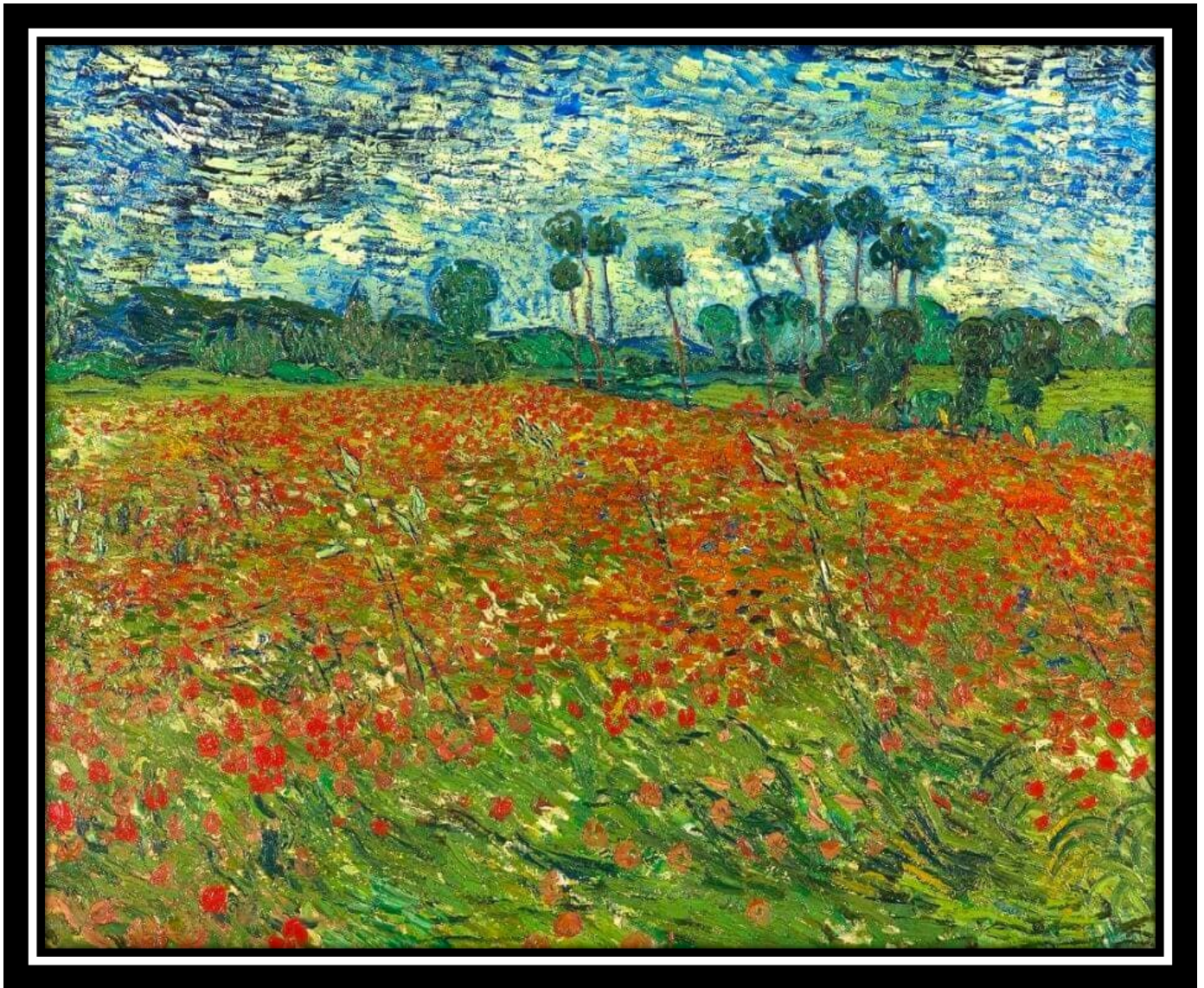
Response after sermon: In Memoriam. Composed by Lani Smith.

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

Choir Anthem: Lord Make Me An Instrument Of Thy Peace. Composed by Claire-Marie Moblard.

Offertory: Musings on "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Tune: Jacob's Ladder. Traditional Spiritual. Arr. by Robert Lau. © 2013 by Loren Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Fanfare on "America the Beautiful." Arr. by Matthew H. Corl. © 1996 by H. W. Gray Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



Poppy Field, 1890 by Vincent Van Gogh

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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