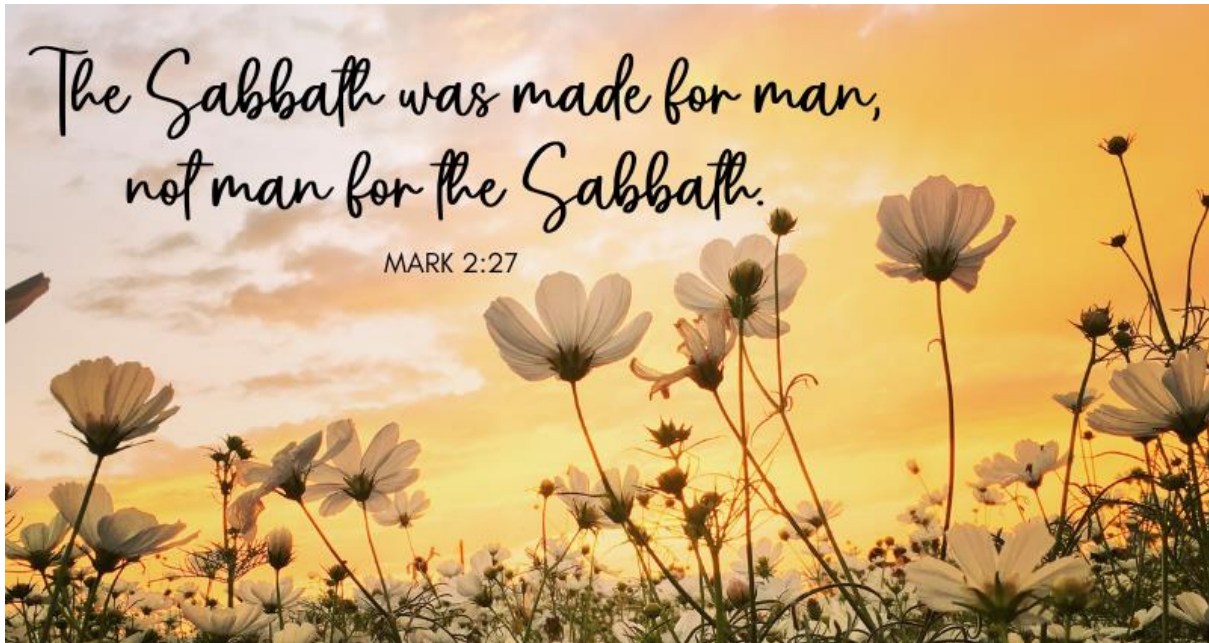


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:00am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Praeludium in G Major

J. S. Bach

Fantasie in C Major

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Ridenour

Pastor Scott is away on vacation and will be back in the pastoral saddle, on June 7. Thank you to Rae Smith for leading worship and peaching.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount

John Wyeth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of El Shaddai,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest."

All: God is in our midst. God is our rock and our refuge. Let us worship God.

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN

This is the Day

NCH 84

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of rest, today I make the active choice to enter into your rest, and to join with you in delighting in this good world you have made, and dreaming of the perfect world you will remake. I choose to tune out, of demands and deadlines, of performance pressures, of flickering screens, of that which robs my soul of joy, and the ways in which the world seeks to define and shape my identity.

I choose to tune in, to your affirmation and love, to the celebration of freedom, to worship and your word, to the enjoyment of that which fills my soul with joy, and reminds me of my identity in Christ, as a deeply loved child of God.

Amen

Silence for personal prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life.

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Woke Up this Morning with My Mind

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

Verses from Psalm 66

Lector: Rick Waters

(From Nan C. Merrill's interpretations in *Psalms for Praying*)

One: Sing a joyful song to the Beloved all the earth, and praise Love's name;
Sing in glorious exultation!...

All: Bless the Beloved, Heart of our hearts, let the sound of our praises be heard.

One: You keep us attuned to life and guide our feet on solid ground.

For You, O Love, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried...

**All: Yet You have brought us through our pain and into your dwelling place.
I enter your Heart surrendered to Love;**

One: I commend my soul into your keeping; all that my lips uttered, all that my mouth promised when I was in trouble and pain, I offer up to You;
I abandon myself into your hands. Come and hear, all you who reverence the Most High,
and I shall tell what the Beloved has done for me....

**All: Blessed be the holy Name of the Beloved, Loving Companion Presence,
who embraced me, and renewed my life.**

One: Listen for what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Sabbath

Rae Smith

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Lector: Rick Waters

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work--you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that

your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rae Smith

***HYMN**

Come God, Creator, Be Our Shield

NCH 69

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

G. F. Handel

***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**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Come all who give thanks for the gift of life.
Come all who long for a just and joyful world.
Come all who seek peace and pursue it;
And together we will work to transform pain into hope,
fear into love, sorrow into rejoicing.

This is Christ's table; all are invited to share the feast.

THE 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 thanks and praise.

One: Let us continue in prayer...

Blessed are you, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life,
for your enduring grace and presence abides forever.
You created the vast universe and called it good;
you made us in your image to live with one another in love;
you bless us with breath —
to enliven, to heal, to redeem, to sustain, to empower.

Your Spirit, Breath, Ruah inspires us—
calling us into being and into action—
making us one with you and one with all creation—
drawing us into community and to work for justice.
And so we praise you for the heavens and the earth,
and for all the people and creatures who dwell within your embrace.
We give thanks for the life and ministry of
Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells,
and through whom we come to know you more fully.
Fill us now with faith, hope and love—
that we might breathe in all that is life-giving,
that we might hold on to all that brings forth peace and justice,
that we might release all that keeps us from greater union
with you and one another.

Through the power of your Spirit,
in the bread and cup we share,
we celebrate the unity of Christ
and the mystery of your presence
across every age, and among us now. Amen.

We remember that on the night before he died,
Jesus took break,
gave thanks to you
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

Loving God,
pour out your Spirit upon us
and on these gifts we share
that we may be one with Christ
in whom you came to be one with us.
Amen.

Through the waters of baptism, we are born into Christ's family. That family is nourished and sustained at this table. Though we are baptized but once, in the Lord's Supper we reaffirm our commitment to Christ, and God renews us with grace.

All: ***This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.***

One: *This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Let Us Break Bread Together

Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)

**Shine your light in me, through me and over me. May I make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before me. May all your plans succeed. May I reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. To you be glory and honor, now, and forever.
In Jesus' name,
Amen**

***HYMN**

The God of Abraham Praise

NCH 24

BENEDICTION

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE

On our Way Rejoicing

Frances Ridley Havergal

Please remain seated until the Altar candles are doused.



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, **Ralph 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, Heather Morgan, 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, **Mary Stann**, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, **Eric Wolbring**, **Johnathan Wood**.

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

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.

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.

You can use the code to the right to register your child for VBS.

ALSO: We are in need of supplies for VBS:

- food
- snacks
- drinks
- classroom supplies

Registration forms and "fish" supply cards are on the board in the chapel.

Thank You United Way – United Way has been 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 Rick Waters. The lector next week is Wells Ridenour.
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.

6/4 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
6/5 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm
6/6 Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
6/8 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

Birthdays

6/2 Alice Barr
6/6 Bill Myers

Anniversaries

6/4 Kelly & Jason Weicht
6/5 Kim & Bill Cook
6/6 Linda & Aaron Kelly
6/8 Kristin & Rob Grosh

Service Credits CCLI Number: 6212519 June 2

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Fantasie in C Major. Both composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Hymns: This is the Day. NCH 84. Composed by Les Garrett (1967). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield. NCH 69. Tune: Old First. Composed by Marion M. Meyer (1990). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The God of Abraham Praise. Tune: NCH 24 Leoni. Traditional Yigdal melody. Words by Moses Maimonides (12th century). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

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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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