

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024 10:00am



*Rejoice in the promise of Salvation.*

**GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS**

*Messe du 8e ton*

Gaspard Corrette

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are delighted to have you all worshipping with us, those in person and those online.

**PRELUDE**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Carl G. Glaser

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Unlike earthly kings, you, O Holy One, are ever steadfast and faithful.  
You sent us your Son, Jesus the Christ,  
to rule over us, not as a tyrant,  
but as a gentle shepherd.

**All: Keep us united and strong in faith,  
that we may always know your presence in our lives,  
and, when you call us home,  
may we enter your heavenly kin-dom  
where you live and reign for ever and ever.**

One: Today we worship with gratitude.

**All: Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe into our lives this day. Clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place ready to be your people in the world. We ask this in the name of the one who came to reconcile the world to You, even Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*If You Believe and I Believe*

See Insert

**SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 17:14-15 NRSV

Lector: Wells Ridenour

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me," you may indeed set over you a king whom the Lord your God will choose. One of your own community you may set as king over you; you are not permitted to put a foreigner over you, who is not of your own community.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Come Thou Fount*

Zion Choir

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Samuel 8:4-18 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Wells Ridenour

So, the body of elders of Israel came to Samuel at Ramah, and said, "You are old, and your sons' pervert your ways. Appoint a ruler to lead us as all the other nations do." Samuel was not happy when they asked for a ruler to judge them. He prayed to YHWH, however, who responded, "Give to the people whatever they ask for. They are not rejecting you; they reject me as your ruler. As they did from the day I brought them up from Egypt to this day. They desert me and worship other gods, as they are doing to you. Listen to them carefully. But warn them solemnly and let them know the rights of the ruler who will rule them." Samuel reported to those asking for a ruler all that YHWH said to him. "This is the type of ruler who will rule over you," Samuel said. "Your ruler will take your youths and make them serve as charioteers or with the cavalry, while others will be made to run in front of the chariots.

Your ruler will appoint some of them as commanders of troops of 1,000 and of divisions of 100. Others will be forced to plow and harvest the royal fields. Still others will work making weapons of war and equipment for chariots. Your daughters will be taken as cooks, bakers and makers of perfume. Your ruler will take the best of your fields, your vineyards and your olive groves and give them to various governing officials and attendants. "You will have to tithe your crops and your vineyards for the ruler to use these funds in support of the eunuchs and slaves. The ruler will take the male and female workers, your best cattle and donkeys and take them for personal use. Your ruler will take a tenth of your flocks and you yourselves will become slaves. On that day you will cry out against the very ruler you chose. But YHWH will not answer your pleas on that day.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**     *Spirit of the Living God*

NCH 283

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*We Love Your Realm, O God*

NCH 312

**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 TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Robert W. Thygerson

**\*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**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

NCH 388

**BENEDICTION**

Blessed is the path on which you travel.  
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.  
Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.  
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.  
Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.  
Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.  
May you go forth in peace.

**POSTLUDE**

*Processional for Organ and Trumpet in C*

C. M. Moblard

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



**Our choir starts their summer hiatus next week. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication in providing us with such beautiful worship music each week.**

**Enjoy your summer!**

**P.S. Anyone who wishes to can join Claire Marie and Byron at 9:30 every Sunday morning as they go over the hymns for that day.**

## 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, **Robin Bittinger**, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, **The Family of June Booz** (cousin of Rae Smith & Domenick & Frank Gerlando), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, **Ron DeYoung**, Blaine Dockery, Donna France, **Ralph France, Sally Glover**, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), **Meg Grim**, 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, **Katie 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, Mary Stann, Jessica Stark, 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.**

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour. The lector next week is Amber Nilson.  
Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.  
Next week's ushers are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.  
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.

- 6/9 ONA Fellowship following today's Service
- 6/10 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm  
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 6/11 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 6/12 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm  
VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:30pm
- 6/13 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm  
Visioning Strategic Planning Meeting 7:00pm
- 6/15 Newsletter article deadline  
Decorate for VBS 9:00am

### **Birthdays**

- 6/10 Susan Clutz
- 6/10 Pastor Scott

## 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.

### **SCUBA 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. On Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> we will kick-off VBS with a picnic outside our Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm.

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.



**Service Credits**  
**June 9**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

**Gathering music:** Messe du 8e ton. Composed by Gaspard Corrette. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing. Composed by Carl G. Glaser. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. © 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Choral Response:** If You Believe and I Believe. Zimbabwean melody adapt. from an English melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949). © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer. NCH 18. Tune: CWM Rhondda. Composed by John Hughes (1907). Words by William Williams (1745). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

We Love Your Realm, O God. NCH 312. Tune: St. Thomas. Words by Timothy Dwight (1801). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Church's One Foundation. NCH 386. Tune: Aurelia. Composed by Samuel S. Wesley (1864). Words by Samuel J. Stone (1866). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

**Choir Anthem:** Come, Thou Fount. Composed by John Wyeth. Arr. by Craig Courtney. © 1988 by Beckenhorst Press. CCLI number: 3819575

**Offertory:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus. Arr. by Robert W. Thygerson. © 1998 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Processional for Organ and Trumpet in C. Composed by C. M. Moblard. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and 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



### To Give Electronically

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