

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024 10:00am



*They received the message about the Kingdom of God the seed which is the word*

**GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS**    *Our Father Which Art in Heaven* (Sixth Sonata)    Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**    *Rise, O Children of Salvation*    Joachim Neander

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:**    O God, You summon the day to dawn,  
              You teach the morning to waken the earth  
**ALL:**    ***Great is Your name! Great is Your love!***  
**One:**    For You the valleys shall sing for joy,  
              The trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
**ALL:**    ***Great is Your name! Great is Your love!***  
**One:**    For You the rulers of the earth shall bow,  
              The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.  
**ALL:**    ***Great is Your name! Great is Your love!***  
**One:**    Your love and mercy shall last forever.  
              Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.  
**ALL:**    ***Great is Your name! Great is Your love!***

**\*HYMN**    *Faith of our Fathers!*

Red 282

**PRAYER OF HOPE** (in unison)

***Holy One, we come before you in faith and hope. So much in our world is frightening and disheartening. We don't want to hide from evil or deny it, we want to put love and your grace in its place. Forgive us our negative behaviors that do not contribute to the happiness of ourselves or of others. Keep us close to your heart, loving God that we may replace indifference with care and choose more successfully to live with you and our neighbors. Have mercy on us. In the Spirit of God we pray. Amen.***

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER**

*From Psalm 101 (102)*

**Ostinato Chorale**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line begins with a repeat sign and ends with a fermata. The second line also ends with a fermata. The third line ends with a double bar line and a fermata, with the word 'Fine' written above the final note. The lyrics are: 'O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: come and lis - ten to me. O'.

**SCRIPTURE**

Ezekiel 17:22-24 NRSV

Lector: Amber Nilson

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**One:** Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All:** ***Thanks be to God!***

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

I Love Pop

Dr. Seuss

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Megan Shroyer

Jesus said further, "The reign of God is like this: a Sower scatters seed on the ground, then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the Sower knowing how it happens. The soil produces a crop by itself—first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. When the crop is ready, the Sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest." Jesus went on to say, "What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth's seeds, yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade." Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, as much as they could understand. Everything was spoken in parables, but Jesus explained everything to the disciples later when they were alone.

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

**All:** *Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON

### \*HYMN

*We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed*

Words NCH 540 - Tune 479

## 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.**

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Holy One, may these scraps of paper, electronic bytes and bits of metal serve as symbols of our deep desire for your Love to transform our time, effort, and substance into works of creative compassion for each other, for our wider community, and for the world beyond. So may it be, Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

### \*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)**

God of grace, we know you want justice rolling down like water.  
Accept these gifts from our hands, which we cast upon the waters of your love,  
a generous ever-flowing stream feeding the hungry and helping those in need.  
Accept these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Forward Through the Ages*

NCH 377

**BENEDICTION**

**One:** I pray that out of Love's glorious treasures you may be strengthened with power in your inner being,

**All:** ***May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.***

**One:** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –

**All:** ***May we be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen.***

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata from the Fifth Symphony*

Charles Marie Widor

**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, Robin Bittinger, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ron DeYoung, Blaine Dockery, Donna France, Ralph France, **The family of Rev. Gerry Hanberry**, Sally Glover, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr., (son of Sue and Mike), **Ken Grim**, Meg Grim, Beth Gross, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Dee Krause, Barry Landis, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, Katie Martin, Heather Morgan, Katie Penick, 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.***

## 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 also in need of Plastic Storage Bags in the following sizes – snack, sandwich, quart and gallon. We receive a lot of our food items from the MD Food Bank in bulk packaging and need these bags to repack that food into portion sizes for our neighbors.

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.

## Other Announcements

### Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck

There is no Devotional and Potluck on the 19<sup>th</sup> due to VBS. We will be back the following week on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### SCUBA VBS – June 17–19, 2024 6:30-8:00pm at Zion Reformed UCC

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.

Please pray that we have a large number of children attend VBS.

A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who are helping to make our first VBS since covid a success. We couldn't have done this without all of you.

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Amber Nilson. The lector next week is Barbara Hendershot. Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens. Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, Willam Wantz. 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.

- 6/17 SCUBA VBS starting with a picnic at 5:45pm
- 6/18 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm  
SCUBA VBS 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- 6/19 SCUBA VBS 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
No Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck this week
- 6/20 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

### Birthdays

- 6/16 David Nelson
- 6/22 Charley Ware

### Anniversaries

- 6/19 Anissa & Doug Wade

**Service Credits**  
**June 16**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

Gathering music: Our Father Which Art in Heaven (Sixth Sonata). Composed by Felix Mendelssohn. Ó 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Rise, O Children of Salvation. Composed by Joachim Neander. Arr. by David Cherwien. Ó 1981 by Summa Productions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Faith of our Fathers! Red 282. Tune: St. Catharine. Composed by Henry F. Hemy (1865). Words by Frederick W. Faber (1840). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed. NCH 540. Tune: New Beginnings. Composed by Sally Ann Morris. Words by Mary Bryan Matney. Composed by Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Forward Through the Ages. NCH 377. Tune: St. Gertrude. Composed by Arthur S. Sullivan (1871). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: Let There Be Peace on Earth. Composed by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller. Ó 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Performed by Megan Shroyer.

Offertory: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Composed by J. S. Bach. Arr. by E. Power Biggs. Ó 1971 by Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Toccata from the Fifth Symphony. Composed by Charles Marie Widor. Ó Dover Publications. 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



### To Give Electronically

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