

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2024 10:00am



But surely as God is Faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No”

2 Corinthians 1-18

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

The Old Hundredth

Settings by J. S. Bach, J Pachelbel, J. G. Walther, and Robert Lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "America"

John S. Dixon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come into the presence of God, to proclaim and celebrate the good news of the gospel.

All: The word of God is sweeter than honey and worth more than great wealth.

One: The word of God offers light and wisdom and understanding.

All: The word of God is a thing of joy, for it renews our lives, and transforms us.

One: Let us worship God.

All: We worship God in spirit and in truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Ever-Creative God,
You promise—always—to make things new.
But we resist change.
We resist transformation.
We resist becoming fresh people.
Hear the confessions of our hearts.
Hear our fears.
Hear our resistance.
Hear our deep desire to hold on to the past.
Forgive us. Free us.
And fill us with dreams, with visions, with vitality.
Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and push us forward.
We pray in Jesus' Spirit Name. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Eph. 2:4-10

One: Hear the good news:
By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God—
not by works,
so that no one can boast.

**All: We are what God has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.**

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:14-20 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Calvin Livingston

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: The Amen, the Witness faithful and true, the Source of God's creation, says this: I know your deeds, I know that you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were one or the other—hot or cold! But because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth! You keep saying, "I am so rich and secure that I want for nothing." Little do you realize how wretched you are, how pitiable and poor, how blind and naked! Take my advice. Buy from me gold refined by fire, if you would be truly rich. Buy white garments to wear, if the shame of your nakedness is to be covered. Buy ointment to smear on your eyes, if you would see once more. Whoever is dear to me, I will correct and discipline. Be earnest about it, therefore. Repent! Here I stand, knocking at the door. If any hear me calling and open the door, I will enter the house and have supper with them.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chopin Nocturne op 27 No. 2

Joel Ross

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Calvin Livingston

Once when we were going to prayer, we met a household worker who was possessed by a spirit of divination, and who made a great deal of money for her employers through its fortune telling. She began to follow Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These are faithful followers of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation!" She did this for many days. Finally one day Paul lost his temper, and turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave this woman!" It left her that moment. When her employers saw that their profitable operation was now hopelessly dead, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square. They brought them to the chief magistrates and said, "These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace by advocating practices which are unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. They were whipped many times and thrown into prison, and the jailer was told to keep a close watch on them. So, following these instructions, the warden threw them into the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake. About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a severe earthquake shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open, and everyone's chains were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and found the doors wide open, he drew a sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We're all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and, after a brief interval, led them out and asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in Jesus the Savior, and you will be saved—you and everyone in your household." They proceeded to preach the word of God to the jailer and his whole household. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and the whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and the whole family joyfully celebrated their newfound faith in God.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Don't be Flimsy

*HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

NCH 495

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.**

OFFERTORY

God of Grace

Paul Manz

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The earth is Adonai's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*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)

Blessed and Blessing God, we give you thanks. We offer to you the bounty of our lives, our gifts of heart, of wealth, of strength. Expand all that we are and have, and bring your will into the world. Amen.

*HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

See Insert

BENEDICTION

Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

REV. 7:12

POSTLUDE

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Phillip Sousa

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, **Perry Barnhart**, Koda Bell, **Lon Bender**, Robin Bittinger, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ron DeYoung, Donna France, **Ralph France**, Avery Goodrich, Sally Glover, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr., (son of Sue and Mike), Ken Grim, Meg Grim, Beth Gross, David Lee Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Dee Krause, **Barry Landis**, **Jerri Livingston**, Peggy Lowman, Katie Martin, Heather Morgan, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Rebeca Strombotne, (Tuesday volunteer), Emma Schnebly, John 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 Calvin Livingston. The lector next week is Carol Mooers.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – TBD. 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.

7/1 – 7/3 Youth Mission Trip to Sharpsburg, MD. Pastor Scott will be attending and out of reach 7/1 – 7/3.

7/2 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

7/3 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

7/4 Office Closed 4th of July Holiday

No 4-H Club Meeting

Birthdays

6/30 Moly Dwyer 7/1 Todd Hershey

6/30 Max Dwyer 7/1 Mark Bagby

6/30 Richard Cantilena

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting snacks – PB Crackers, Cheese Crackers, etc. for the month of July.

We are also in need of Plastic Storage Bags in the following sizes – snack, sandwich, quart and gallon. We receive food items from Panara Bread and The Cookie Jar 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.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

Other Announcements

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm for a potluck dinner, fellowship, interesting and thought-provoking videos and discussions. We will be watching and discussing the series "Living The Question".



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Hymns: Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn—inset). Tune: Meleta.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service. NCH 495. Arr. By John Zundel. Words by Jane Parker Huber. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (insert).

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

Special music: Joel Ross, pianist.

Offertory: God of Grace. Tune: CWM Rhondda. Arr. by Paul Manz. © 1974 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 251212

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