

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024 – Worship

*Swing wide the portals of your heart*



*“Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.”*

Georg Weissel

## GATHERING MUSIC and BELLS

*Suite Gothique pour Grand Orgue*

L. Buellmann

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Allein Gott in der Hoh Sei Ehr*

J. S. Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is God's, and everything in it!

**All: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.**

One: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,  
to celebrate God's glory  
and proclaim praise!

**All: Let's worship God together!**

## \*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

NCH 1

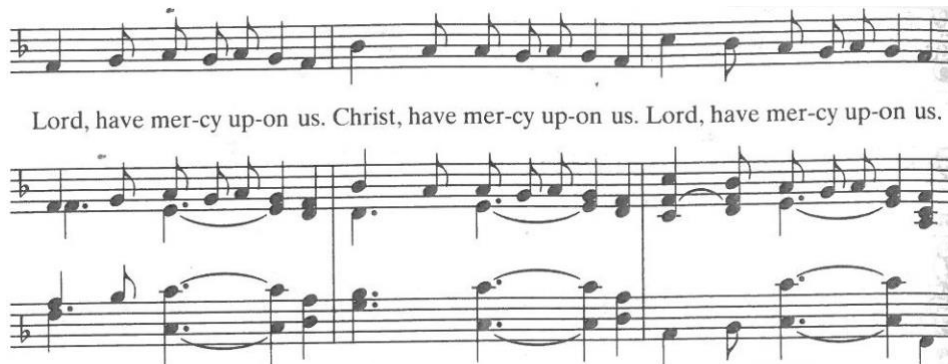
## PRAYER OF HOPE

God of Hope,  
you call us to be practitioners of prophetic imagination,  
people who aren't scared to dream about a better future  
and to take concrete steps to bring it to fruition.  
But, too often, we settle for far less than you intend:  
    for what is easy,  
        for what is convenient,  
            for what is better for a few instead of all.  
Forgive us, Adonai, for our lack of moral imagination.  
Help us dream of your promised day,  
when we shall beat our weapons into gardening tools,  
unlearn the ways of war,  
and plant seeds of peace in places ridden with violence.  
In the name of the coming Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's creation knows no ending,  
God's mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.  
In the name of the Born and Resurrected Christ, we celebrate:  
our sins are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

## CHORAL REFRAIN



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Father Henri Nouwen wrote, "Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity."

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

Tim Wolfe (saxophone)

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jean Simmons

The earth and everything on it—  
the world and all who live in it—  
belong to YHWH. YHWH built it on the deep waters,  
laying its foundations in the ocean depths. Who has the right to ascend YHWH's mountain?  
Who is allowed to enter YHWH's holy place? Those whose hands are clean  
and whose hearts are pure, who do not worship idols, or make false promises.

YHWH will bless them;  
God their savior will declare them innocent.  
Such are the people who seek YHWH,  
who seek your face, God of our ancestors.

Fling wide the gates,  
open the ancient doors,  
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!  
Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?  
YHWH, strong and mighty,  
YHWH, victorious in battle!

Fling wide the gates,  
open the ancient doors,  
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!  
Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?  
YHWH Sabaoth is our Glorious Liberator!  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

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## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Holy One, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness light;  
where there is sadness joy.**

**O Divine Master,  
grant that we may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**Amen.**

*Adapted from the prayer of St Francis of Assisi*

**\*HYMN**

*Will you Come and Follow Me*

(see insert)

## BENEDICTION

One: Now let us leave this place, to live and serve those not here,

**All: to share the hope of God, to live in love with all creation.**

One: Now let us leave this space to offer the gifts of life and grace with all,

**All: to bring joy to those who mourn, to offer the heart of Christ to everyone.**

One: Now let us stay in grace and fill our neighborhoods with peace.

**All: to walk the Spirit's path with strangers, to serve all as if they were family.**

## POSTLUDE

*Pedal Variations on "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"*

Joyce Jones

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



The ZION Consistory is pleased to announce the continuation of the Cash College Scholarship Fund. George Cash, a long time ZION member who passed away in 1997, graciously donated money for the creation of a scholarship fund to benefit deserving college students.

We invite any member who plans to be enrolled full time in an undergraduate college program during 2024-25 to complete the application form available by contacting Zion's church office. All applications must be submitted no later than August 7, 2024. The Scholarship Committee will announce the awards by August 23, 2024.

Additionally, the Consistory invites members to make contributions to the Fund so that this opportunity can continue into the foreseeable future. Contributions can be sent to ZION Reformed UCC, 201 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 Attn. Scholarship Fund.

## 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, **Louise Danzer**, Ron DeYoung, Donna France, Ralph France, **Betty German** (friend of the Wares), Avery Goodrich, Sally Glover, 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, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, **Michael McCarthy** (friend of Rae Smith), Heather Morgan, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, Kim Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, John Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, **Mary Helen Staley** (friend of the Wares), Mary Stann, Jessica Stark, **Gloria Stottlemeyer** (friend of Missie LaBombard), 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 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 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.

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".

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Jean Simmons. The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.  
Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Caroll Mooers, Rich Owens  
Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William 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.

- 7/14 ONA Fellowship 12:00pm
- 7/15 Deadline for Newsletter articles
- 7/16 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 7/17 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm
- 7/18 No 4-H Meeting – Ag Fair Week
- 7/20 Dipping Ice Cream at the Ag Fair 11:00am – 3:30pm

### Birthdays

- 7/19 Rick Waters

### Anniversaries

- 7/14 Scherry & Ralph Sellers



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**July 14**

**Gathering music:** Suite Gothique pour Grand Orgue. Composed by L. Buellmann. © 1895 by Elkan-Vogel, Co.

**Prelude:** Allein Gott in der Hoh Sei Ehr. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. NCH 1.

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates. NCH 117

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

**Special music:** Just A Closer Walk With Thee. 1942 The author is anonymous. Public Domain. Performed by Tim Wolfe (saxophone):

**Offertory:** Gabriel's Oboe. Composed by Ennio Morricone. © 1986 by Hal Leonard Corp.

**Postlude:** Pedal Variations on "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Arr. by Joyce Jones. ©

## 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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