

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2024 – Worship



When you can see the divine in yourself
you will be able to see the divine everywhere.
When you reverence the divine in yourself
you will be able to reverence the divine everywhere.
When you nurture the divine in yourself
you will be able to nurture the divine everywhere.

Anonymous

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Passacaglia in d minor (BuxWV161)
Praeludium in C Major (BuxWV137)

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all worship attendees live and online.
Worship at Pangborn Park, August 18th. 10am.
Zion Children and Youth Pool Party, August 25th. 2pm.

PRELUDE

Come Christians Join and Sing traditional Spanish melody, "Madrid."

David Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We cried, "O God, help,"

All: and God was compassion; we stirred God's heart; God healed.

One: God turns our mourning into dancing;

All: Most Beloved clothes us with joy.

One: With smiling, beaming gratitude, we worship Most Light; compassionately,
warmly, as healers, dancers, joy specialists.

All: May it be so. Amen.

COMPASSION PRAYER

One: C

All: is for caring for all people.

One: O

All: is for outreach to others in our community.

One: M

All: is for the good manners we show others.

One: P

All: is for our prayers which help our faith to grow.

One: A

All: is for acting on what we say.

One: S

All: is for sharing our gifts each and every day.

One: S

All: is for singing praises to God.

One: I

All: is for investing time in faith and love.

One: O

All: is for opening our hearts to others.

One: N

All: is for needing to show compassion to everyone.

**Adapted from Words for the Journey for Kids*

One: "We commit ourselves to lives of compassion"

**All: being passionate about our love and concern for others
opening our hearts and lives to others with real enthusiasm
being particularly concerned for the lives of the poor and powerless
focusing our love on those who tend to be looked down on
enabling others to achieve their potential
being agents of positive change in people's lives
following Jesus' example of self-giving love**

Roger Courtney, Ireland, <http://progressivechristianity.org/>

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halle

See inside back cover

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11:1-10 NRSV

Lector: Wells Ridenour

When Israel was a child, I loved them, and out of Egypt I called The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their

schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but God does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart burns within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-9)

C. M. Moblard

Performed by Carl Glover, baritone; Byron Stay, flugelhorn

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 NRSV

Lector: Wells Ridenour

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tenderness Bowel Syndrome (TBS)

***HYMN**

There is a Balm in Gilead

NCH 553

MORNING PRAYER

Rae Smith

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 TO THE OFFERING

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in God’s Beloved community-building work here on earth.

OFFERTORY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Paul Manz

*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 DECIDATION (in unison)

**Dependable God
in whom we live and move and have our being,
once again You have filled us with hope
and blessed us with grace.
And we are grateful.
We now offer our very selves as a fragrant offering to You.
Receive us, transform us, and use us for Your glory.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Red 236

BENEDICTION

One: May God bless us;

May God keep us in the Spirit’s care
And lead our lives with love.

**All: May God’s warm welcome shine from our hearts
And Christ’s own peace prevail
Through this and every day. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis for organ

Daniel E. Gawthrop



Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

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, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, **Louise Danzer**, Ron DeYoung, Donna France, Ralph France, Rachael Furr (friend of Missie LaBombard), Betty German (friend of the Wares), Avery Goodrich, **Sally Glover**, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff Jr., (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, **Donna Hatfield**, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Dee Krause, Barry Landis, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, Michael Mooers, Heather Morgan, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, **David 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), Jessica Stark, **Byron Stay**, Gloria Stottlemeyer (friend of Missie LaBombard), **Rebecca Strombotne** (Tuesday volunteer), Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, **Alyn Wilson**, Eric Wolbring, Johnathan Wood.

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

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour.

Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.

Acolyte this week is Gia Delosier.

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

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Amber Nilson.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

8/13 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

8/14 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

8/15 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Newsletter Deadline

8/18 Annual Picnic and Worship at Pangborn Park 10:00am-Bring a dish to share. Chicken and drinks will be provided. See you at the park.

Birthdays

Carol Mooers

8/12

Stacey Shealer-Broadwater 8/13

Frank Ebersole

8/15

Megan Shroyer 8/17

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting cans of fruit for the month of August. We are in need of bottled water for hydration.

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.

Would you, or anyone you know, like to volunteer on Tuesday Nights? We can always use some help in both the kitchen and the pantry areas. 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, and discussions.

We are currently watching and discussing the series "Living The Question". This series is very interesting and thought provoking. Please come and join us.

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Prelude: Come Christians Join and Sing. A traditional Spanish melody, "Madrid." Arr. by David Lasky. © 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: A Mighty Fortress is Our God. NCH 439. Tune: Ein Feste Burg. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

There is a Balm in Gilead. NCH 553. Tune: Balm in Gilead. Traditional African-American spiritual. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say. Red 236. Tune: Vox Dilecti. Composed by John B. Dykes (1868). Words by Horatius Bonar (1846). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

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Offertory: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing. Arr. by Paul Manz. © 1975 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 772935

Postlude: Toccata Brevis for organ. Composed by Daniel E. Gawthrop. © 1983 by Summa Productions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halle

Traditional Caribbean Song

Refrain

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -

lu jah! Hal le lu jah!
Fine

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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