

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 18, 2024 – Worship



*Sunday, by the blue, purple, yellow, red water
On the green, purple, yellow, red grass
Let us pass through our perfect park
Pausing on a Sunday*

Stephen Sondheim

GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn Medley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lumel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, we come into your gates with thanksgiving.

All: We thank you for life, for breath, and for all the blessings you pour upon us.

One: O God, we come into your gates with praise.

**All: We praise you for the goodness of all of creation, for farmers and farmland,
for grocers and vegetables, for animals and earth,
for all that you have made and called good.**

One: O God, we come into your gates to bless your name.

All: Alleluia! Praise be to you, God of life! Amen!

*HYMN

Down to the River to Pray

(see insert)

PRAYER OF HOPE

We are sorry, Adonai,
that just by living without thought
we pollute the air,
poison the waters
and damage the land.

We are sorry, Adonai.
For we are connected,
whether we recognize it or not,
to all of creation;
to all that you made;
from ant to mountain
we are connected.

Holy Spirit,
heal and restore us,
that we may live gently on earth,
and all creation praise you,
the Living God,
Creator, Child and Spirit.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Many And Great, O God Are Your Works

(see insert)

CHILDRENS TIME

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

Lector: Barb Hendershot

Alleluia!
Praise Our God from the heavens,
praise God in the heights!
Praise God, all you angels,
praise God, all you hosts!
Praise God, sun and moon,
praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the Name of Our God,
by whose command they were created.
God established them forever and ever
and gave a decree which won't pass away.

Praise Our God from the earth,
you sea creatures and ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and mist,
and storm winds that fulfill God's word,
mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small animals and flying birds,
rulers of the earth, leaders of all nations,
all the judges in the world,
young men and young women,

old people and children—
let them all praise the Name of Our God
whose Name alone is exalted,
whose majesty transcends heaven and earth,
and who has raised up a Horn for God's people
to the praise of the faithful,
the children of Israel, the people dear to God!
Alleluia!

from The Inclusive Psalms

SERMON

Praise With and for the Earth

Pastor Scott

***HYMN**

Draw the Circle Wide

(Barb will play once before we sing)

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide...*

God the still-point of the circle
Round you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms (Refrain)

Let our hearts touch far horizons
So encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call (Refrain)

Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door! (Refrain)

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 TO THE OFFERING

"Consider the lilies...look at the birds of the air": Jesus pulls our attention away from our worries about scarcity and turns our gaze toward the beautiful gifts of God's creation, signs of abundance and grace surrounding us always. Trust may be difficult for us, as it was for those early disciples, yet we bring our gifts this morning with the assurance of God's care for us every morning of our lives. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

Kingsfold

Traditional English Melody

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Risen and redeeming God, you came into this world to live among us in your son Jesus. His life, his, death, and his rising have taught us to love. We are bound together with a gift of unity into one Body of Christ. We thank you for teaching us what it means to live in right relationship with all Creation. We praise you for the gift of this community gathered today, growing together in your love. Bless our gifts to your service. Amen.

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

(see insert)

BENEDICTION

One: All who are Blessed are called to a responsibility.

All: **Our responsibility is to our planet and all the beings that live upon her.**

One: Earth is our beautiful and compassionate mother.

All: **This benediction can be manifested within our hearts,
with the pure intention to heal humanity and retune the symphony of creation;
to be the light that brightens the paths of others who are also on the same
journey. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken

Traditional Gaelic Melody



PICNIC AND FELLOWSHIP

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.

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, Meagan Bohn and the family of James Bohn, 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, 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**, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, Alyn Wilson, Eric Wolbring.

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

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Barb Hendershot.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Barb Hendershot.

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Greeters for next 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.

8/20 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

8/21 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

8/22 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

8/23 Zion Book Club 7:00pm

8/25 Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00am

Zion Children and Youth Pool Party at the home of Sue Graff 2:00pm

Birthdays

Rae Smith 8/22

Daniel Livingston 8/23

Anniversaries

Carol & Randy Schultz 8/23

Susan & Burnie Clutz 8/24

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.

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.

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional
arr. Sheldon Curry

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing ab-out that good ol'- way. And who shall". The second system starts with a measure rest of 6 measures, then continues with the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sis-ters, let's go down,". The third system starts with a measure rest of 12 measures, then continues with the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "let's go down, come on down. Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.".

As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing ab-out that good ol'- way. And who shall

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wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sis-ters, let's go down,

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let's go down, come on down. Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, brothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Come on, brothers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, fathers, let's go down,
let's go down. Don't you wanna go down?
Oh, fathers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

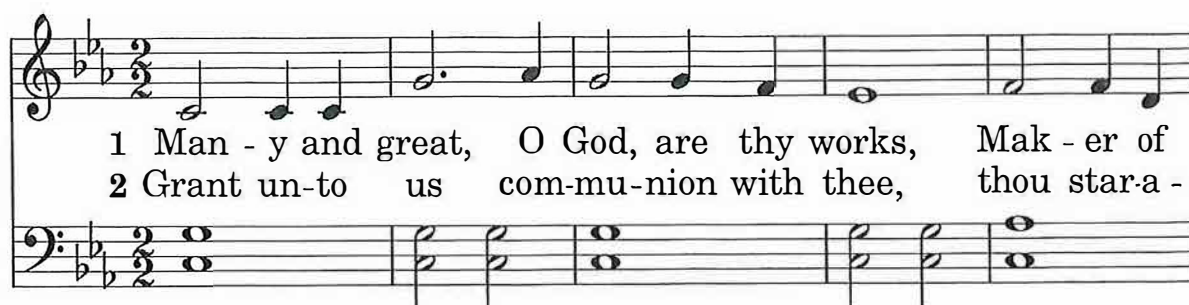
As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, mothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Come on, mothers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sinners, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.



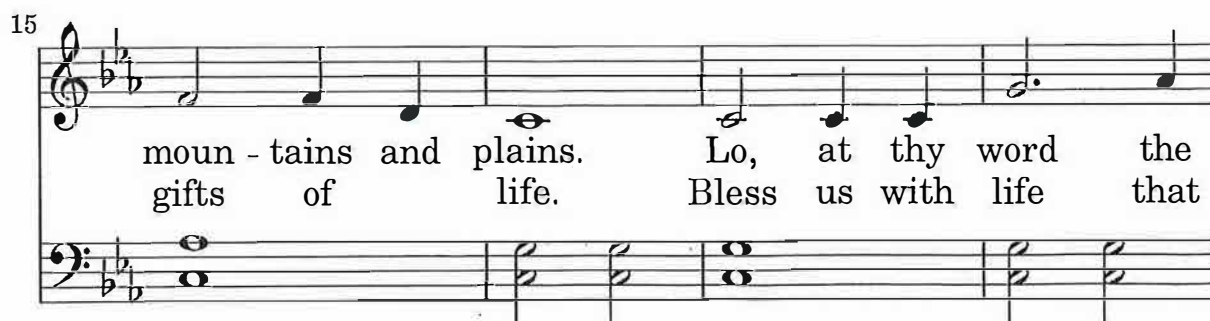
1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, Mak - er of
2 Grant un-to us com-mu-nion with thee, thou star-a -



6 earth and sky. Thy hands have set the
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and



11 heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
dwell with us. With thee are found the



15 moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



19 wa-ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ternal life with thee.

Draw The Circle Wide

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Refrain The Hymn and the Walls Choir

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still.

Let this be our song: no one stands a -

lone stand-ing side by side. Draw the cir-cle

wide.

Chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Ab, Bb, Bb, G7, Cm, Eb/G, Fm, Eb/G, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Ab, Bb

1 God the still point of the cir - cle round whom all cre -

a - tion turns, noth - ing lost, but held to - geth - er

in God's gra - cious arms.

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Let All Things Now Living

G D⁷ G Am⁷ D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

Em C Am⁷ G D⁷ G

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Am⁷ G⁷ Am⁷ D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

Em C Am⁷ G CM⁷ D G

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

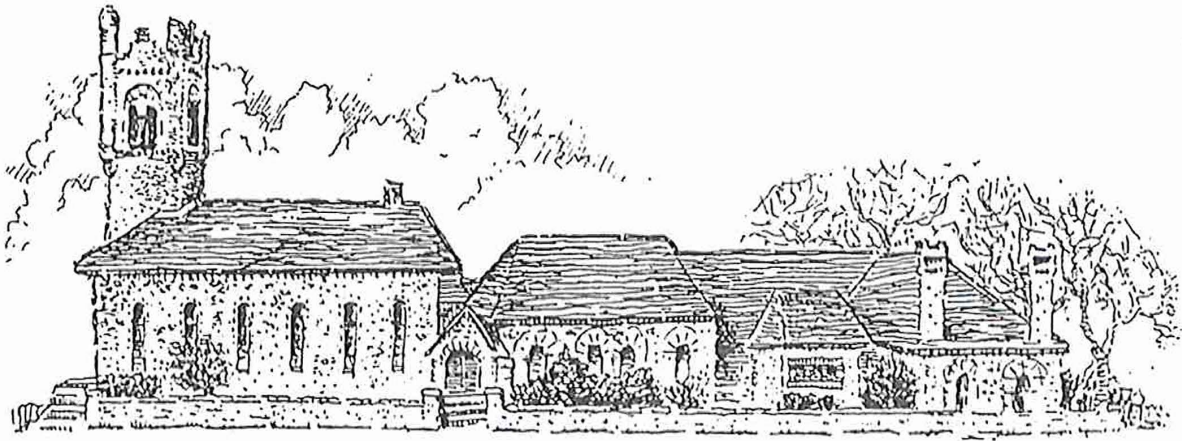
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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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