

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024 – Worship



*“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.” Henri Nouwen*

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Concerto I*

Vivaldi and J. S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

September 8 - Rejoice in the Welcome/Rally Day 9:30 Pancakes, 11:00 Worship

First Choir rehearsal on 9/12 5:30pm

## PRELUDE

*Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer*

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** For worship we gather, for praise to God, Beloved.

**All:** ***It is not out of duty but out of gratitude that we celebrate your goodness to us, dear God.***

**One:** Your providential care, your prevenient grace and your partnership in covenant draw us closer to you.

**All:** ***As we draw nearer to you, we are drawn nearer to each other in gratitude, and then together we remember all your children who seek freedom, we remember all your children who cry out in pain, in shock, in fear.***

**One:** Pour out your Spirit on all who worship you and yearn to worship all across the world.

**All:** ***Come Holy Spirit! Amen.***

## PRAYER OF HOPE

One: When I am stripped of power.  
 When I am grieving.  
 When I am a stranger.  
 When I am humiliated.

**All: *May I trust in your promised land.  
 May I know your joy.  
 May I meet you within and in others.  
 May I learn that your harvest is for all.***

One: When I am powerful.  
 When I am celebrating.  
 When I am at home.  
 When I am rewarded.

**All: *May I trust in your promised land.  
 May I know your joy.  
 May I meet you within and in others.  
 May I learn that your harvest is for all. Amen & Alleluia!***

Tim Aldred, Wild Goose Big Book of Worship

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 15 Paraphrase of Nan Merrill

Lector: Calvin Livingston

O Beloved, whom will You invite into the abode of your Heart?  
 Who will dwell with You in Love?

One who walks with integrity, who is in harmony with your Word, and sings the heart's song;  
 Whose tongue speaks truth judging not others and seeking only the good;  
 Whose eyes behold not the outer garments of the body, but see within the inner robe of Love;

Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged and brought to light in prayer;  
 Who is just in all affairs of life and takes not advantage of another.

One who does all these things, will join the Dance of Life! Will sing the Song of Joy!

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

**"Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type"**

by Doreen Cronin

The Pharisees and some of the religious scholars who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They had noticed that some of the disciples were eating with unclean hands—that is, without ritually washing them. For the Pharisees, and Jewish people in general, follow the tradition of their ancestors and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow. Moreover, they never eat anything from the market without first sprinkling it. There are many other traditions which have been handed down to them, such as the washing of cups and pots and dishes. So these Pharisees and religious scholars asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of our ancestors, but eat their food with unclean hands?” Jesus answered, “How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless; the doctrines they teach are only human precepts.’ You disregard God’s commandments and cling to human traditions.”

...Jesus summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and try to understand. Nothing that enters us from the outside makes us impure; it is what comes out of us that makes us impure. ...

For it is from within—from our hearts—that evil intentions emerge: promiscuity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, obscenity, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evils come from within and make us impure.”

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Claire Marie Moblard

**SERMON**

Join the Dance of Life

**\*HYMN***We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Red 432

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS****OFFERTORY***Duke Street*

John Hatton

**\*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)**

**In this moment draw me to yourself, Holy One, and make me aware not so much of what I’ve given as of all that I have received and so have yet to share. Send me forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what I pray and profess, that in sharing, I may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy myself, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.**

Ted Loder

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Gloria, gloria in excelsis deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia alleluia!

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from north, south, east, and west to sit at the table in the realm of God.

**All: Here in this place, the communion table is open to people of all races, creeds, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic circumstances, and ages: adults, teens, and children.**

One: This is Christ's table; all are invited to share the feast which he has prepared.

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us continue in prayer...

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Moderato Cantabile from Fantaisie/Impromptu Op. 66*

Frederick Chopin

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)

**God of grace, we give thanks for your presence with us  
through the gifts of communion—  
the food and prayers we share—  
the love we share for one another and for you.  
Nourished by your love,  
may we go forth to proclaim the good news  
that your spirit is alive!  
May we follow the lead of our Good Mother,  
to walk in paths of righteousness,  
and to love one another in word and action,  
that all may walk without fear,  
and feast at the table of abundance,  
and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

NCH 403

### BENEDICTION

One: May the roads rise to meet you,

**All: *May the winds be always at our back,***

One: May the sun shine warm upon your face,


**All: *The rains fall soft upon our fields,***

One: And until we meet again,

**All: *May God hold us all in the hollow of God's hand. Amen.***

**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, 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, Avery Goodrich, Sally Glover, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Donna Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, **David Heitzer and family** (neighbors of Kim Ridenour), **Warren Hendershot** (Barb's father-in-law), Lyn Hoffmaster, Dee Krause, Barry Landis, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, Heather Morgan, **Mary O'Malley, Family of Susan Annette Poffenberger** (friend of Rick Waters), **Christine Pusateri** (neighbor in need), Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **Betsy Roulette, Randall Schaff** (friend of Missie LaBombard), Emma Schnebly, **Carol Schultz**, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Jessica Stark, **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.***

### Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Micah's Backpack** will be collecting cans of **Vienna Sausages** during the month of September.

**Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting cans of **Vegetables** for the month of September.

We are also in need of Plastic Storage Bags in all sizes.

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer on Tuesday Nights, please contact Kim Ridenour or the church office.

**Volunteers are needed to set up 16 tables in the chapel next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, for our Second Annual Community Resource Fair on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Calvin Livingston.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, TBD.

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Carol Mooers.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, TBD.

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.

9/2 Office Closed for Labor Day

9/3 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

9/4 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

9/5 Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm

4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

**9/8 Rally Day Pancake Breakfast 9:30am.**

**Worship returns to 11:00am for the fall and winter months**

**9/12 Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm**

### Birthdays

Kevin Munroe 9/1

Lauren Gerhart 9/1

### Anniversaries

Julia & ed Patterson 9/3

Megan & Mark Shroyer 9/4

## 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.

### Rally Day

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Rally Day breakfast. Join us from 9:30 to 10:00am for pancakes in the Chapel followed by a short Sunday School session and then Worship at 11:00am.



**Service Credits**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**  
**September 1**

**Gathering music:** Concerto I. Composed by Vivaldi and J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer! Composed by Hugh Livingston, Jr. © 1981 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** For the Beauty of the Earth. NCH 28.  
We Plow the Fields and Scatter. Red 432.  
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less. NCH 403. Tune: Solid Rock.

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

**Communion:** Moderato Cantabile from Fantaisie/Impromptu Op. 66. Composed by Frederick Chopin. ©1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

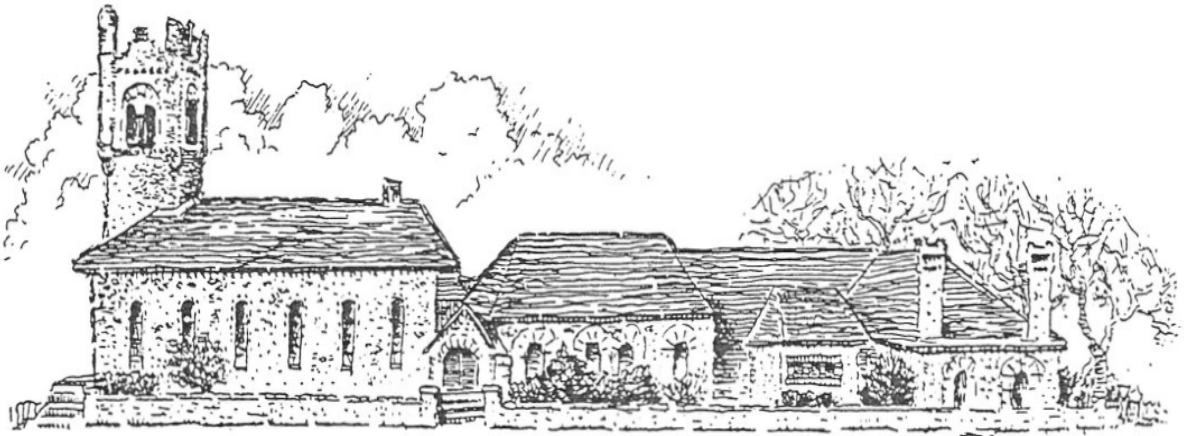
**Offertory:** Duke Street. Tune: Duke Street. Composed by John Hatton. Arr. by David Lasky. © 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Recessional on "Come, Labor On." Tune: Ora Labora. Composed by T. Tertius Noble. Arr. by John S. Dixon. © 2022 by Lorenz Publishing Co. 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



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