

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 15, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



*Lord,  
Grant me the serenity,  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference.*  
(attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr)

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Selections from "Song without Words"*

Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

John Hughes

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Spirit!

**All: But Creator, sometimes we are tired.**

One: Come to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest! Rejoice in the Spirit!

**All: But Holy One, sometimes we are sad.**

One: Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Rejoice in the Spirit!

**All: But Mother, sometimes we get discouraged.**

One: If you have faith as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain,  
"Move from here to there!" and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you.

**All: Then come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**God of all life, you have set us on earth to be stewards; but how often we have limited our understanding of this task. We think of stewardship in terms of money. Release us from such a narrow focus and misconceptions. Remind us that stewardship encompasses all of life: natural resources, our relationships, our personal vocations, our devotional life. Forgive us for thinking small when you give us a whole world of opportunity to use your gifts for so many good things. Amen.**

**SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION****WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: We are forgiven; let us rejoice! We are loved; let us give thanks!  
We are renewed; let us lift up our hearts and receive the freedom that comes with new life in Christ!

**All: Thanks and praise be to God!**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

See Insert

**SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 3:15-16

Lector: Jean Simmons

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people:

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**WORD FOR CHILDREN****ANTHEM**

*It Could be a Wonderful World*

Zion Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Lector: Jean Simmons

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "God scatters abroad, God gives to the poor; God's righteousness endures forever." God who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Delight in Giving

**\*HYMN**

*Take My Life, God, Let it Be*

Red 253

**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.**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Concerto for Trumpet, Second Movement*

Joseph Haydn

**\*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)**

**Holy God, we thank you for all your good gifts. We worship you with all that we are and all that we have. We give all that we are and all that we have seeking to encourage one another to better trust, to deeper faith, to broader love and to greater deeds. God, we pray that you bless our gifts, and our lives. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

NCH 300

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Concerto IV*

Vivaldi/Bach

**CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

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





**Learn more about membership at Zion!**

**Visitors, Inquirers, Friends: Join us after Worship on Sunday, 9/22, to learn more about the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We will meet in the Burhan's room to share faith journeys and Zion's story, to answer your questions about church life, and to explain next steps for prospective members. A light lunch will be provided, and zoom attendance is welcome (though we may not be able to send you a virtual lunch!). Please RSVP to Pastor Scott at [pastorwinnette@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwinnette@gmail.com).**



## **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, **Family of Perry Barnhart**, Koda Bell, Lon Bender, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, **Family of Mike Buhrman (friend of Kim Ridenour)**, **Family of Rev. Dr. John D. Button (friend of Rae Smith)**, 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, Warren Hendershot (Barb's father-in-law), Lyn Hoffmaster, Dee Krause, Barry Landis, Jerri Livingston, Peggy Lowman, Heather Morgan, **Candice Myers and her family that she be found safe and unharmed (missing since 9/5)**, 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.***

## Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Jean Simmons.

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

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.

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

Children's Church Leader is Carroll Sager

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

9/15 Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 11:00am

Newsletter Deadline

9/17 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Lighthouse After School Steering Committee 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

9/18 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

9/19 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

## Birthdays

Naomi Brackett 9/15

Kara Hoover 9/15

Barbara Hendershot 9/18

Brynn Nilson 9/19

Janet Roberts 9/21

Teresa Zukowski 9/21

## 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.

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

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.

### September 27 – Zion Book Club

The Book Group will be meeting on Friday, Sept. 27 at 7pm at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck to discuss *A Voice In The Wind* by Francine Rivers. Another of the group's favorite authors, this novel transports readers back to Jerusalem during the first Jewish-Roman War, some seventy years after the death of Christ. The narrative is centered on an ill-fated romance between a steadfast slave girl, Hadassah, and Marcus, the brother of her owner and a handsome aristocrat. Hadassah is sold into servitude, and as she struggles to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to treat her masters in a manner in keeping with His teachings, she is forced to keep her religious identity a secret in order to survive. For more information, contact Sue Graff.

# I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

F Bb/F F Gm/F F

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

F7 Bb Eb/Bb Bb F Bb/F

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

F N.C. F Bb/F F A7

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

Dm Bb6 E/C Dm7 G7 C7 F Bb/F F

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I'M GONNA LIVE  
Irregular

**Parade Seat Tickets**  
**On Sale Now for MEMBERS ONLY**  
**\$7.00 for Street seats - \$6.00 for Wall seats**



*Congratulations to Mark and Rebecca Chamberlain  
(Tuesday Ministries Volunteers) on their wedding, September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

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**Service Credits**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**  
**September 15**

**Gathering music:** Selections from "Song without Words." Composed by Felix Mendelssohn. © 1915 by G. Schirmer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** God of Grace and God of Glory. Composed by John Hughes. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 1990- by Van Ness Press, Inc.

**Hymns:** Lift High the Cross. NCH 198. Tune: Crucifer. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916). Words by George William Kitchin. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Take My Life, God, Let it Be. Red 253. Tune: St. Bees. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916). Words by John B. Dykes (1861). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Jesus Shall Reign. NCH 300. Tune: Duke Street. Attrib. to John Hatton (1793). Words By Isaac Watts (1719). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

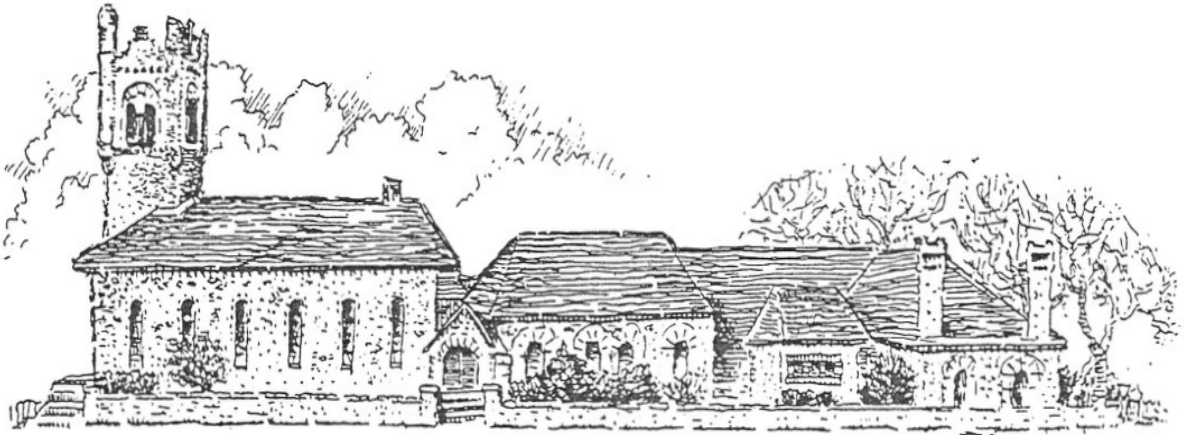
**Choir Anthem:** It Could be a Wonderful World. Composed by Lou Singer. © 1947 by Argosy Music Corp.

**Offertory:** Concerto for Trumpet, Second Movement. Composed by Joseph Haydn. © Carl Fischer, Inc.

**Postlude:** Concerto IV. Composed by Vivaldi/Bach.

## 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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