

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Four Chorale Settings

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ACCOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

New Member candidates meet with Pastor Scott after worship.

PRELUDE

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the fellowship of God.

All: Come to a safe harbor;

One: To a place where you are welcomed;

All: To a place where your soul can be fed and your wounds healed.

One: Here is the anchor of hope that will hold you fast.

One: Here is shelter from the storm.

One: Here we are strengthened by the word.

All: Here the promises are kept.

One: We extend welcome to all who are on the journey.

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Jesus, you set before us the way of wisdom: to care for the poor, feed the hungry, share instead of hoard our possessions, but it is a way that is counter to the ways of the world. We consider it wise and prudent to take care of ourselves first, to accumulate possessions, and to hoard and plan and secure our lives through those possessions. You call such behavior foolish. Forgive us, God, when such foolishness becomes the focus of our lives. Help us become wise in your ways and with your wisdom. AMEN

CHORAL REFRAIN

Love, Love, Love, Love

anonymous

traditional Quaker round

1. Love, love, love, love; the Gos - pel in one word is Love.
 2. Peace, peace, peace, peace; the Gos - pel in one word is Peace.
 3. Joy, joy, joy, joy; the Gos - pel in one word is Joy.

Love your neigh - bor as your self, for God is Love.
 Peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing: Peace, peace, peace.
 Joy that fills to ov - er - flow - ing: Joy, joy, joy.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Lector: Missie LaBombard

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

ANTHEM

Peace in the Valley

Zion Choir

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Blessing Micah's Backpacks

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.
One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

SERMON

Inheriting Lois' Faith

***HYMN**

I Come with Joy

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CALL TO THE OFFERING

The writer of Proverbs teaches that God's Wisdom is present and active in our lives in this way: "She opens her hand to the poor, / and reaches out her hands to the needy." Jesus lived this wisdom in his life and called his disciples to this same generosity. Let us give out of this same generous wisdom—a wisdom that seeks a presence and purpose in our lives on behalf of all.

OFFERING

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

***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

You are the generous one,
full of mercy
and goodness for your creation.
Send your wisdom with these gifts,
that they may reach those
who need your love and welcome.
Bring about a harvest of goodness
through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

CHORAL REFRAIN

**I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
And obey the Spirit of the Lord**

**I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
And obey the Spirit of the Lord**

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.**

*HYMN

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

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BENEDICTION

Go forth with forgiveness, courage, faith, hope, love, peace, justice, kindness, and gentleness. May these virtues, representing the image of God in each one of us as was also manifested in Jesus, strengthen you to reach out in compassion as you nurture and aid others within this worldwide community. May the Spirit and grace of God be with you and among you. Blessings be.

POSTLUDE

Finale from the First Sonata

Felix Mendelssohn

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, Koda Bell, Lon Bender, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, 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, 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), **Daisy Schlotterbeck**, Emma Schnebly, Carol Schultz, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, **Annie Tisdale**, 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 Missie LaBombard.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Children's Church Leader is Carroll Sager

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

Guest Preacher next Sunday is Rev. Barbara Kerscher-Daniel

The lector next week is Rae Smith.

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, John Schnebly, TBD.

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

9/22 New Member meeting with Pastor Scott after the service.

9/23 Pastor Scott on leave until 9/30

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

9/25 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

9/26 Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

9/27 Zion Book Club 7:00 at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck.

Birthdays

Gerald Saum 9/23 Andrew Patterson 9/28

Rev Katie Penick 9/23 Claire-Marie Moblard 9/28

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.



Alsatia Mummies' Parade

Parade Seat Tickets

On Sale Now for MEMBERS ONLY

\$7.00 for Street seats - \$6.00 for Wall seats



Service Credits

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September 22

Gathering music: Four Chorale Settings by Dietrich Buxtehude. © 1998 by Barenreiter-Verlag Karl Votterle. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Morning has Broken. Traditional Gaelic tune. Words by Eleanor Farjeon (1931). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I Come with Joy. NCH 349. Tune: Dove of Peace. Southern Harmony. Words by Brian Wren. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You. NCH 503. Tune: Maryton L. M. Composed by H. Percy Smith (1874). Words by Washington Gladden (1879). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Open My Eyes That I May See. Composed by Clara H. Scott (1895). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: Peace in the Valley. Composed by Thomas Dorsey.

Offertory: Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty). Composed by Hans Friedrich Mischeelsen. © 2000 by Augsburg Fortress. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Finale from the First Sonata. Composed by Felix Mendelssohn. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.

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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