

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 29, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



*I am the vine; you are the branches.* John 15:5

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Passacaglia in c minor*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

Welcome to Rev. Barbara Kershner-Daniel

## PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Dan Miller

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to You O God, that we have risen this day,

**All: To the rising of this life itself.**

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

**All: The hand of God between us and each hand.**

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**All: The love of Christ between us and each love,**

One: Beloved of the waifs, beloved of the naked,

**All: Draw us to the shelter house of the Savior of the poor. Amen.**

John L. Bell, Iona Community

**PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)**

**Ever patient and loving God,  
 You light the fire in our hearts,  
 and we squelch it with dampening fear.  
 You give us many gifts,  
 but we bury them with wasteful self-pity.  
 You make us in your image,  
 But we distort visions of ourselves and others.  
 Renewing God,  
 Call us out of our complacency.  
 Forgive us for those times  
 when we settled for what is,  
 rather than fighting for what could be.  
 Disturb us this day with your dissonant call,  
 and fill us with your mercy, grace and power  
 to serve you boldly and bravely in the world. Amen**

(adapted, Su Yon Park)

**CHORAL REFRAIN**



**ANTHEM**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Zion Choir

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Barbara Hendershot

**SCRIPTURE**

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

Lector: Rae Smith

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this

wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So, they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Barbara Kershner-Daniel

## **\*HYMN**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

See Insert

## **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 FOR THE OFFERING**

God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. When we cry out to God, our prayers are heard. When the world cries out to God, we are part of God's answer, offering water in the desert, offering nourishment to a world that is both spiritually and physically hungry. Our gifts this morning are our answer to God's own goodness. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

## **OFFERTORY**

*All Hail the Power*

Oliver Holden

## **\*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)

**God, who gave us birth,  
with dramatic flair you have created your people  
with a diversity of color and language and spiritual gifts.  
And with holy humor,  
you have made us  
to serve you in partnership and possibility,  
Thank you for your call in our lives.  
We now respond with the gifts of our lives  
and the hope of our hearts.  
We pray in the name of a Living Christ. Amen**

**\*HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Tuba Tune in D Major*

C. S. Lang

**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, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ron DeYoung, Donna France, Avery Goodrich, Sally Glover, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, 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, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, 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 Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, John Schnebly, TBD.

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

### Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Rich Owens.

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

**Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings.** We are in need of greeters for Sunday mornings for both the front doors and the middle doors. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table at the middle door.

- 9/29 Pastor Scott on study leave until 9/30
- 10/1 Staff meeting 11:00am  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 10/2 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm  
Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm
- 10/3 Resource Fair Team Meeting 1:00pm  
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm  
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm
- 10/5 Boy Scouts 10 Commandment Tour 10:00am

#### Birthdays

Calvin Shroyer	9/30
Bill Cook	10/4
Carroll Sager	10/4

#### Anniversaries

Carol & Michael Mooers	10/2
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### Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Micah's Backpack** will be collecting **individual packets of Oatmeal** during the month of October.

**Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **individual packets of Hot Chocolate and Hot Apple Cider** for the month of October.

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

### 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.



The Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel began her ministry with Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ on July 1, 2006 after 23 years of service to congregations in Pennsylvania. She graduated summa cum laude from Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., and holds both Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Lancaster (PA) Theological Seminary. Pastor Daniel has been awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from Catawba College and served on many United Church of Christ boards, as a trustee of Catawba College, and Chair of the Lancaster Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

She is recognized as a leader in the Frederick community for her efforts to advocate for social justice. She has lent her compassion and tireless desire for change to organizations such as the Frederick LGBTQ Center, the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, and to the Frederick Area School Supply Drive, which provided more than 1,700 disadvantaged students with needed school supplies in 2019 alone. She is chaplain to Frederick's Junior Fire Company, serves on the Frederick Chief of Police Advisory Board, and is active in Rotary Club International, having earned its prestigious Service Above Self award in 2006. Most recently, she served as co-chair of the capital campaign for the Emergency Family Shelter Program.

Rev. Daniel and her husband, Rev. Kenneth Daniel, CEO of United Church Homes of Ohio, are the proud parents of sons Mark and Christopher.

Rev. Daniel retired as Pastor of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ in June of 2023.



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Gathering music: Passacaglia in c minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.  
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Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: How Firm a Foundation. Red 314 Tune: Adeste Fideles. Performed by Byron  
L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Lord's My Shepherd (see insert) Composed by Jessie Seymour Irvine.  
Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Red 1 Tune: Nicea. Composed by John B. Dykes (1861).  
Words by Reginald Heber (1826). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard  
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**Parade Seat Tickets**  
***On Sale Now***  
**\$7.00 for Street seats - \$6.00 for Wall seats**

## 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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