

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 6, 2024 – 11:00am Worship

Blessing of the Animals



*Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends, the animals.
Especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are
hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put to death.*

*We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them, we ask a
heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words.*

*Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and so to share the blessings of the merciful. Amen.*

- Prayer for the Animals by Albert Schweitzer

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

And Again I Say, Rejoice!

Arthur Henry Messiter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

Mummers Parade and Fall Fun Frenzy

Open House at the Parsonage after worship today.

PRELUDE

Toccata on "Stand Up for Jesus"

Alice Jordan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is a sparkling jewel spinning through space,
created perfectly to sustain life.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: The story of the earth follows the path of every living thing.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: The story of the sparkling jewel is also the story of the air
and the water that sustain us all.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: The story includes all that have come before us
and all who will follow us.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: The ongoing story of Jesus Christ is part of the story of the earth.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: Our lives, even at the very moment that we say these words, are shaping the future of the creation story.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: We are not separate from the earth, just as we are not separate from God.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

One: Living with a sense of wonder and oneness, we will feel the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

All: Creation is a song of praise to God.

We praise God with all of Creation in our worship. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

NCH 12

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Susan Delosier, Kristen Liffiton Joy, Rony Joy,
Francis James-Ward (Cowboy), Alyn Wilson,
Perry Barnhart (Posthumously, approved by Consistory)

STATEMENT OF FAITH: (in unison)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ADDRESS

Consistory President, Kim Ridenour

One: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of our welcome into the care of Christ's church and the sign and seal of our inclusion in the embrace of God's abundant and merciful love.

All: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, members of one body, united in the love of God.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Rev. Scott Winnette

One: Jesus calls us to welcome all people as his disciples and to offer anyone who seeks it the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the those about to be baptized, as Cowboy and Alyn live and grow as disciples of Christ?

All: We promise our love, support and care.

Questions of Baptism

1. Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith?
2. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
3. Will you be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, sharing in its worship and ministry and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Bless by your Holy Spirit, O God, this water that symbolizes the newness of life. Grant this new life to Alyn and Cowboy who are being baptized today, that they may be embraced by your love, redeemed by your grace, and comforted by your spirit. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and always shall be, world without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Swan

Amber Nilson, flutist, and Claire Marie Moblard, pianist

ACT OF BAPTISM

One: I baptize you in the name of our Loving Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessings of God Almighty descend upon you and dwell in your heart forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

One: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today through water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as beloved children in the one household of your love and help us to receive, nurture and befriend Cowboy and Alyn as members of the body of Christ.

All: We pray they will have the strength needed for life's journey, the courage required in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Statement of Expectations for Joining Members Unison Words of Welcome:

We welcome you with thanksgiving as partners in the vital ministries of the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Christ. God grant that together we may live out the claims of our faith and continue to grow into the fullness and maturity of life known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Zion Youth

Word for Children

Claire Maire Moblard & Byron Stay

SCRIPTURE

Abbreviated from Genesis 1:1-34

Lector: Rich Owens

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

NCH 425

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In Thee Is Joy

JS Bach

***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**

THE BLESSING PRAYER

Beautiful Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Holy One, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS (IN UNISON)

_____, **may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and your beautiful family enjoy life together with our God."**

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

NCH 473

*BLESSING

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Zion Choir

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary in C

David Lasky

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:

All those impacted by Hurricane Helene, 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, **Darrin Miller**, Heather Morgan, Candice Myers and her family that she be found safe and unharmed (missing since 9/5), Mary O'Malley, **Linda Pittman** (friend of Barry Landis), 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 Rich Owens.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, TBD.

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Wells Ridenour.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

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.

10/7 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm

Consistory Meeting 7:00pm

10/8 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

10/9 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

10/10 Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

10/12 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

Birthdays

Ruth Dwyer 10/13

Anniversaries

Ruth & John Dwyer 10/9

Margaret & Scott Richardson 10/9

Mary & Chris Emmert 10/11

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, Hot Apple Cider, and Bottled Water** 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.

Totenfest

If there is anyone whom you would like remembered in this years Remembrance Book, please have the information to the office no later than Oct. 20th.

Pride Franklin County

Pride Fest 2024 Oct. 13th, 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.



Alsatia Mummers' Parade
Parade Seat Tickets On Sale Now
\$7.00 for Street seats - \$6.00 for Wall seats

FALL FUN FRENZY
In our Fellowship Hall and Parsonage October 19, 2024



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October 6

Gathering music: And Again I Say, Rejoice! Composed by Arthur Henry Messiter. Arr. by Brenda Portman. © 2018 by The Sacred Music Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Toccata on "Stand Up for Jesus." Arr. by Alice Jordan. © 1991 by Randall M. Egan. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: I Sing the Mighty Power of God. NCH 12. Tune: Ellacombe. Words by Isaac Watts (1715). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

For the Fruit of All Creation. NCH 425. Welch traditional melody. Words by Fred Pratt Green (1970). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Blessed Assurance. NCH 473. Tune: Assurance. Composed by Phoebe P. Knappji (1873). Words by Fanny Crosby (1875). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: The Swan. Composed by Camille Saint-Saens Performed by Amber Nilson, flutist, and Claire Marie Moblard, pianist.

Children's Anthem: Lord, I Want To Be A Christian, African American Spiritual. Public Domain. Source: Hymnary

Offertory: In Thee is Joy. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary in C. Composed by David Lasky. © 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and 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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