

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 13, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



“Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” 1 Corinthians 10:17 NIV

Gathering Music and Bells *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Henry Purcell

Greeting & Announcements

Welcome all in person and online.
Mummers Parade and Fall Fun Frenzy
Visioning Plan Proposal and Consistory Member Nominations

Prelude *Kol nidre* Lewandoulski. (Dedicated to Rae)

*Call to Worship

One: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

All: Let the design of your great love shine on us and your troubled world and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Let us worship our God and give thanks for the Prince of Peace.

All: Amen.

***Hymn** *Forward Through the Ages* NCH 377

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: For galaxies stretching out beyond all imagining and for the planet that is our home.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For creating us in your image, and inviting us to live in harmony with you and in peace with all your children:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For people of vision worldwide who have taught us ways of justice and love; and for the Christ who points us to your vision and will for the world:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: Now empower us to live as your people;

All: May we worship you now body, mind, and spirit bound together. Amen.

Choral Refrain

Come, We Who Love God's Name (verse 1)

Zion Choir

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-8 NRSV

Lector: Wells Ridenour

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Redeemed

Zion Choir

The Word with Children

All are Welcome

Alexandra Penfold (Author)
Suzanne Kaufman (Illustrator)

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Wells Ridenour

As he was setting out on a journey, someone came running up and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing. No bearing false witness. No defrauding. Honor your mother and your father." The other replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my childhood." Then Jesus looked at the person with love and said, "There is one thing more that you must do. Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that, come and follow me." At these words, the inquirer, who owned much property, became crestfallen and went away sadly. Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, "How hard it is for rich people to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples could only marvel at these words. So, Jesus repeated what he had said: "My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle's Eye gate than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at this and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible—but not for God. With God all things are possible." Peter was moved to say to Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you!" Jesus answered, "The truth is, there is no one who has left home, sisters or brothers, mother or father, children or fields for me and for the sake of the Gospel who won't receive a hundred times as much in this present age—as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children and property, though not without persecution—and, in the age to come, everlasting life. "Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

***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 Discipleship (in unison)

Gracious God, you offer life to us in one who came to serve. With our brothers and sisters around the world, grant to us such faith that we will seek good and maintain justice. As we dedicate these offerings to you, so bind us together at our Lord's table and stir the gifts you placed in us that we might truly serve you and magnify your Holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Great Thanksgiving

One: There are too many places in our world where the price of admission is more than we can afford, where we are asked to leave pieces of ourselves at the door, where we are told there's no room for one more.

At this Communion table there's always room, room to spare. Yes, we will squeeze you in right over there. Take a seat, pull up a stool or your wheelchair, settle in a pew or on a cushion square.

This is a table that is not just a table. It is the sign of God's love here on earth, an affirmation of your sacred worth.

This is a table that, whether we are many or few, would not be the same if it didn't include you.

**All: We give thanks to you, O God, for drawing us close, for feeding our bodies, for nurturing our spirits, for loving us exactly as we are.
We carry within us memories of rejection and loneliness, shame and self-loathing, guilt and fear, And so we give thanks that at your table we embody a different message:
We are beloved. We are enough. We are worthy.
We feast together with gratitude, hungry to build a world where every body is honored, where every bruised and broken spirit is healed, where everyone is invited to receive the gift of unconditional love.**

One: We remember that night in the upper room, Jesus at a table crowded with disciples. He knew their pasts, the places that had formed them. He knew their future, the pain and sorrow to come. He saw the places deep within that they tried to keep hidden, and still he offered them the cup of salvation and the bread of life, gifts to show them they are

loved, always loved.

Come, Holy Spirit, come, transform these ordinary things into sacred gifts. Prepare our bodies to be fed. Prepare our hearts to receive a love that is more persistent than fear, and a life stronger than death.

The table is ready. Come to be known. Come to receive God's grace.

Sharing the Elements

Andante from Sonata 25 and Adagio from Sonata 11

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Prayer of Commitment

One: Let's say thanks for all we have received.

All: Thanks be to God whose name is Love. Thanks be to God who hungers to know us and be known by us. As we leave this table may carry with us a taste of the inherent worth and dignity of every person offering the same to all we meet. Amen.

*Hymn

Come, We Who Love God's Name

NCH 382

*Blessing

One: Jesus teaches us:

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall be called the children of God.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall proclaim God's gift of peace in worship.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall equip themselves for peacemaking through prayer and Bible Study.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall make peace in their families.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall seek justice in their communities.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall learn from brothers and sisters around the world.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall work to end war.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall care for God's good earth.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall share what God has entrusted to them.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: For they shall be called children of God.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

One: In the power of the Holy Spirit, go forth to follow Jesus. Go to seek justice. Go to love one another. Go to make peace. Go to be God's children.

All: Amen.

(from the Commitment to Peacemaking Service of Dedication)

Postlude

St. Michael Antiphonies

Carson Cooman

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 Hurricanes Helene and Milton, 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, 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, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz.

*****New additions to the Prayer List will be printed in bold for the first week.***



The Consistory and the Strategic Plan Writing Team are excited to present to you Zion's Strategic Plan. Watch the video! Read the report! We will schedule Q&A meetings and other viewing and discussing opportunities. Please reach out to Pastor Scott with your questions he will forward them to the Writing Team. The Consistory is calling for a Congregational Meeting to be held after worship on November 3rd. Exciting Times, Praise God.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour.

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

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Children's Church Leader Becky Hohman

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Amber Nilson.

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

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.

10/13 Children's Church 9:45am

Children's Choir Practice 10:45am

ONA Fellowship cancelled for today

Youth decorating the Parsonage after worship

10/15 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Lighthouse After School Team Meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

10/16 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

10/17 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

10/19 Fall Fun Frenzy 4:00pm – 7:30pm (see notice on credit page)

Birthdays

Rob Grosh

10/15

Meagn Graff-Bohn

10/19

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.

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.

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

Pride Franklin County - Pride Fest 2024 Today 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.

Alsatia Mummers Parade – October 26th – Seats are **On Sale - \$7.00 for street and \$6.00 for wall.**

*If you would like to help setup Chairs and Tent starts a 6:00am followed by breakfast and Concession Stand setup at 3:00pm. See Kim or call the office.



Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
October 13

Gathering music:

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation. Composed by Henry Purcell. Arr. by Richard Proulx. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude:

Kol nidre. Composed by Lewandowski. (Dedicated to Rae). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns:

Forward Through the Ages. NCH 377. Tune: St. Gertrude.
O Word of God Incarnate. NCH 315. Tune: Munich.
Come, We Who Love God's Name. NCH 382. Tune: Marching to Zion.

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

Choir Anthem:

Redeemed. Composed by Fanny Crosby.

Communion:

Andante from Sonata 25 and Adagio from Sonata 11. Composed by Ludwig Van Beethoven. © 1977 by Edizioni Curci. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Offertory:

Deep River. Traditional African-American spiritual. Arr. Robert Lau. © 2015 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude:

St. Michael Antiphonies. Composed by Carson Cooman. © 2018 by The Sacred Music Press. 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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