

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
October 27, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I note the obvious differences
in the human family.
Some of us are serious,
some thrive on comedy.

Some declare their lives are lived
as true profundity,
and others claim they really live
the real reality.

The variety of our skin tones
can confuse, bemuse, delight,
brown and pink and beige and purple, tan and blue and white....

I note the obvious differences
between each sort and type,
but we are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

- Maya Angelou, "Human Family"

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS*The Toccata and Fugue in D minor*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

Congregation Meeting on Vision next week

PRELUDE*Ein Feste Burg*

Martin Luther

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Spirit, open unto us

All: Open unto us—light for our darkness.**Open unto us—courage for our fear.****Open unto us—hope for our despair.**

One: Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.

All: Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.**Open unto us—strength for our weakness.****Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.**

One: Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.

All: Open unto us—love for our hates.**Open unto us—thy Self for ourselves.****God, God, open unto us! Amen.**

Adapted from Howard Thurman

HYMNA Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

NCH 439

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your abundance given freely to all.

But God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts: God's abundance is enough for all if we share. Amen.

CHORAL REFRAIN*Lift Every Voice and Sing* Verse 1

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

Song of Solomon 1:1-8 NRSV

Lector: Barb Hendershot

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!
 For your love is better than wine,
 your anointing oils are fragrant,
 your name is perfume poured out;
 therefore the maidens love you.
 Draw me after you, let us make haste.
 The king has brought me into his chambers.
 We will exult and rejoice in you;
 we will extol your love more than wine;
 rightly do they love you.

I am black and beautiful,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
like the tents of Kedar,
like the curtains of Solomon.
Do not gaze at me because I am dark,
because the sun has gazed on me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me keeper of the vineyards,
but my own vineyard I have not kept!
Tell me, you whom my soul loves,
where you pasture your flock,
where you make it lie down at noon;
for why should I be like one who is veiled
beside the flocks of your companions?

If you do not know,
O fairest among women,
follow the tracks of the flock,
and pasture your kids
beside the shepherds' tents.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Albert L. Peace

WORD WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

Lector: Barb Hendershot

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Ebony & Ivory

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

NCH 593

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 TO THE OFFERING

The first words of the Bible are about God's own generosity. God gave us the gifts of a beautiful creation, our home, the good green earth and the animals that live here with us. On this morning, we come together to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of this church will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

George J. Elvey

*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)

Living Loving Jesus, we give thanks for all that you have done for us and continue to do for us through the gift of your Spirit. You welcome us as part of your family, members of God's household. Help us always to show our gratitude, not only through these gifts but also through our acceptance of others and as a welcoming and loving community of faith. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

*HYMN

Go Tell It On The Mountain

NCH 54

*BENEDICTION

Now to the One who is able
to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish
in the presence of God's glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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, Brian Johnson, 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, 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.***



BLANKET DRIVE

help provide comfort & warmth
to those in need in our community

DROP-OFF NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS
ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
201 N. POTOMAC STREET

THEY WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT
ZION'S TUESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Barb Hendershot.

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

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Children's Church Leader Jean Simmons.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Calvin Livingston.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Moors, Rich Owens, Rick Waters.

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.

10/27 Sunday School and Children's Costume Parade 9:45am

Children's Choir Practice 10:45am

Worship Service and Children's Church 11:00am

10/29 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

10/30 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm

10/31 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm

Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm

4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

11/2 Catoctin Association Fall Meeting, Cavetown, MD 9:00am

11/3 Daylight Savings Time – clocks fall back 1 hour

Birthdays

Nick Patterson 10/30

Toby Bell 10/31

John Schnebly 11/2

Anniversaries

Rev. Scott & Anthony 10/31

Outreach and Service Opportunities

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

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **individual packets of Hot Chocolate, Hot Apple Cider, and Bottled Water** for the month of November.

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.

November 3rd – Totenfest/All Saints Worship Service at 11:00am followed by a Congregational Meeting to vote on Zion's Vision and Strategic Plan.

Service Credits
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Gathering music: The Toccata and Fugue in D minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Ein Feste Burg. Composed by Martin Luther. © 1951 by Oliver Ditson. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: A Mighty Fortress is Our God. NCH 439. Tune: Ein Feste Burg. Composed by Martin Luther. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lift Every Voice and Sing. NCH 593. Composed by J. Rosamond Johnson (1921). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Go Tell It on the Mountain. NCH 54. Tune: Christpraise Ray. Composed by Carol Doran (1984). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Postlude: The Phantom of the Opera. Composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. © by The Really Useful Group. 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



To Give Electronically

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