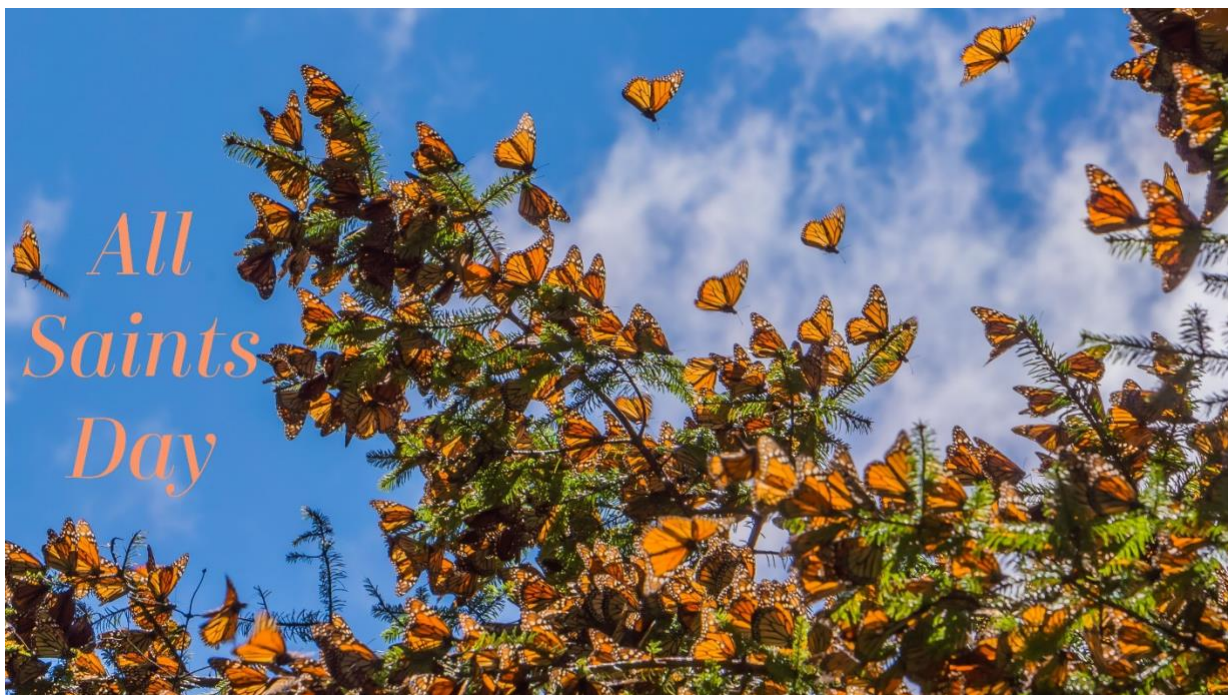


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

All Saints Day / Totenfest Sunday
Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



Let

not forget to remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones

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GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Amazing Grace

C. M. Moblard and Dan Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online.

Congregation Meeting on Vision after today's service

PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit African American Spiritual

Richard Elliott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

All: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

One: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

All: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**All: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever.
Amen.**

One: God turns a desert into pools of water, and there God lets the hungry live.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*HYMN

For All the Saints

NCH 299

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, you send us saints ...

All: And we imprison them or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.

One: God, you send us saints ...

All: And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.

One: God, you send us saints ...

All: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.

One: God, you send us saints ...

All: And we ignore them. Have mercy.

Some moments of reflective silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me Lord

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Lector: Calvin Livingston

"Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us:

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beatitudes

C. M. Moblard

Performed by Carl Glover (baritone) Byron L. Stay (flugelhorn) and C. M. Moblard (organ)

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Mi Familia: Celebrating the Day of the Dead

by Camila Hernandez & Anahita Tamaddon

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: Calvin Livingston

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

For All the Saints

***HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

NCH 286

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We seek, not to be saints so much, but simply your people. We have been blessed beyond imagination and so pray, as we offer these gifts, that they would be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless - all those who are our brothers and sisters. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Song for All Saints

Mary McDonald

***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**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

We come to this table, not because it itself is so special, but because it is an echo of another table, a table that stretches as far as the eye can see a table that is laden with God's good gifts a table where no one goes hungry or sits alone. A table where everyone we ever loved and who ever loved us sits and feasts together.

In our own lives, we sit at tables where there are empty chairs people we love and miss people who no longer stop by for dinner or come in for the holidays.

We grieve those empty chairs, but know that in Christ, our separation is only a temporary

thing.

For all those we remember in your presence, God, we give thanks and come gladly to this table to eat once more with those we love to join with all the saints all *our* saints in praising Jesus Christ, who defeated death and leads us all to God's heavenly banquet. All are welcome here.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right to give you thanks, God, creator of all we know, all that is seen and unseen. You formed the worlds, every star and tree and ocean the work of your hands, even us. But more than dust and clay, you breathed your breath into us, made us in your image, walked with us in the garden, and even when death crept in, you refused to abandon us. You found a way.

Still, death haunted your people in Egypt, where they faced slavery, in the Promised Land, where they chose war, in Babylon, where they were forced to live in exile. Even in good times, not all flourished. Hunger and poverty, arrogance and greed all threatened the life of your people. So, you sent your prophets, to remind them to be good to each other and in time you sent your Son to walk among us, fully God, fully human, who ate and laughed and made friends who taught and healed and forgave sinners who called out hypocrites and risked safety for the sake of your kingdom who wept when his friend Lazarus died who knew grief and loss as we do.

Death haunted Jesus too— he always knew it would be part of his story— but in a single breath he moved from fearing death to trusting you— *Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.* And so, Jesus was crucified. Jesus broke death's power because he showed us once and for all that God's love is stronger than death. Death need no longer haunt us. It is a shadow, fleeing before the burning light of God.

Spirit, move in us, that we might know we too are counted among the saints as God's beloved children, vessels of God's grace. We pray that we might be thankful and transformed, so our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may remind us of that in ordinary things your love is found in ordinary lives your grace is known and in ordinary days we can find your presence.

Keep us breaking bread together in joy and in faith until you return to this world you love this earth you made, and this people you cherish. Until that day, we lift our prayer to you, using the words recited by all generations, saying:

**All: 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*On Eagle's Wings
Near to the Heart of God*

Michael Joncas
Cleland B. McAfee

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)

Jesus Christ, lamb and shepherd, we remember you here, as we remember all your saints. Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary but in our homes and schools our cars and offices to remember that every part of our life is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love. Amen.

*HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

NCH 295

*BENEDICTION

based on Revelation 7: 12, 16-17

One: Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

All: We go out to be God's people.

One: Go in strength to be the saints of God
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

All: We go out to be God's people.

One: Live the way of God with confidence
for God is your shepherd,
and will guide you to the spring of life.

All: We go out to be God's people. Amen and Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Processional on "Come, Come, Ye Saints"

Alice Jordan

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON VISIONING



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ will hold a congregational meeting on December 8th following worship. The business of the meeting is to approve the 2025 budget and to elect new officers to the Consistory. If you would like to put your name or someone else's into nomination, please inform a Consistory Member.

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, **Susan Moscato** (Anthony's mother), Mary O'Malley, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), **Stephanie Resetar**, David 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.***

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack will be collecting **Single Serve cups of pasta meals. Spaghetti O's, Mac & Cheese, Lasagna, etc.** during the month of November.

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

Give a Holiday Meal – We have purchased 20 holiday meals for those who cannot afford one for \$15 each. If you would like, you can support our ministry by paying for one or more of these meals by contacting the church office, dropping a check in the offering plate with Holiday Meals in the memo line, or through online giving.

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. Beginning November 6th Pastor Scott will start a study on the Advent Texts.

The first theme is Care/ Mark 12:38-44 / Care is often conflated with love. Making a distinction between love and care isn't just wordplay; it's a necessity. Care is characterized by devotion, consistency, attention to detail, and some sense of obligation. It may require specialized skills, or it may just require time. Either way, care requires consistent investment—attention provided over the long haul. Scripture is replete with examples of God's care for us, and it is especially evident in the stories of wilderness wandering.

If you would like to join online (Zoom), please let Pastor Scott know.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Calvin Livingston.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Moors, Rich Owens, Rick Waters.

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Carol Mooers.

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

Children's Church Leader is Carroll Sager.

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.

- 11/3 Congregational Meeting after worship; Safe Church Training after the meeting in the Burhans Room
- 11/4 CE Team meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 11/5 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 11/6 Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm
- 11/7 Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm
- 11/9 Easy-cise Class 9:00am
Youth Event with Christ's Reformed UCC 11:00am – 2:00pm
Decorating for the 170th Anniversary of Christ's Reformed UCC

Birthdays

Wells Ridenour 11/3
Jeannette Rinehart 11/8

Anniversaries

Lisa & Gerald Saum 11/7

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Choral Response: Spirit of the Living God. NCH 283.

Hymns: For All the Saints. NCH 299.
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness. NCH 286.
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God. NCH 295.
Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Choir Anthem: Lead Me Lord.

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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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