

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 10, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



*Jesus doesn't care how many Bible verses you have memorized.
He cares about how you treat people.*

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*God of our Fathers
In Memoriam*

Mary McDonald and Lani Smith
Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online

Recognize our Veterans

Stewardship

Zion is hosting the Hagerstown Area Religious Council meeting on Tuesday

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Come into the place where God listens!
Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes!

**All: We come as we are
Broken, whole
Sick, well
Satisfied or with deep needs**

One: Come to sing
Come to cry
Come to hear
Come to see
Come and be ready or
Come to be made ready

**All: We are here
God is here too**

CHORAL REFRAIN

More than Words



1. When twi - light leaves the even - ing sky and night re - veals the
2. When bit - ter days and bar - ren ground sap strength and pow - er and
3. When rough ter - rain makes prog - ress hard, God lev - els what's in the



stars, the far ho - ri - zon hope of God comes sing - ing to our hearts.
voice, ten - a - cious faith will hold us fast; God's hope will say, re - joice!
way; a ten - der jus - tice will car - ry us, and care will not de - lay.

Refrain



Your love is more than words, O God, a flame you kin - dle, a seed you sow, a



rose that blooms in the snow, and we will mag - ni - fy your love.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rae Smith, Domenick Gerlando, Beth Gross

One: Each of our Advent candles
represents God's generous goodness,
the advent of Jesus, God's greatest gift,
the Spirit's fluttering flicker of joy.

As we light each candle,
we recognize the gifts
God has given us this week.

**All: God, you shield us like tender flames;
your care enables us to burn brighter.**

*HYMN

Eternal Father Strong to Save (Navy hymn)

See Insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Now that the warmth of God's presence
fills this place,
we pray that the Spirit will illuminate
our lives through
the words we hear,
the songs we sing,
and the pathways of prayer
engraved on our hearts.
We pray:

**All: Spirit, you listen to us with unwavering attention,
and you invest in us so we can flourish.
Now speak to us as we worship;
make the most of this moment
we share with you today.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17:8-16

Lector: Carol Mooers

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Will the Circle be Unbroken?

Zion Choir

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Barbara Hendershot

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:38-44

Lector: Carol Mooers

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Not Alone for Mighty Empire

Red 442

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One: God, we have turned to you today
for a bit of quiet,
a sliver of sabbath,
a small moment to set down what we carry
as we consider your word.

All: **And into this minute of rest
you send your prophet
with an axe for the root of the tree,
and kindling for the burning fire.**

One: Your call to action is surprising.
And we are not always ready.

All: **Yet we know we must help
build the road
where your people
travel toward justice.**

One: Our offering is received.

OFFERTORY

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Samuel A. Ward

*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

One: Holy Spirit, please bless these small gifts we give.

All: **You set the table
with plenty of love.**

One: Prepare room in your home

All: **for my neighbor and me.**

One: Prepare a place in your vision

All: **for my neighbor and me.**

One: Prepare a seat at your table

All: **for my neighbor and me.**

One: Holy Spirit, you have blessed
these gifts we give.

All: **You set the table
with plenty of love.**

*HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

See Insert

SENDING

One: Where is the care in this world?
Where is the faith we were promised?
Where is the hope we desired,
when peace moves into our homes,

and joy is a constant presence,
and justice is for everyone?

**All: God, this world waits to know
that your love is more than words.**

One: People of God,
you have already shared the advent
of God's goodness.

**All: You carry the blessing of God,
God, the First Whisper,
Jesus, the Living Promise,
Spirit, the Speaker of Hearts.**

One: Now go into this world
expecting God's justice
and nurturing God's peace.

All: God, we will magnify your love.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

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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, **Christine Coleman**, Kim & Bill Cook, Ron DeYoung, **Family of Adam Christian Emerick** (friend of Kim Ridenour), 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.**

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Carol Mooers.

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

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Children's Church Leader is Carroll Sager.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Jean Simmons.

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.

Mondays are Pastor Scott's day off and he doesn't check emails on this day. In an emergency, please call or text him.

- 11/10 Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
ONA Fellowship 12:00pm
- 11/12 Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC Monthly Meeting in Burhans Room 12:30pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
PFLAG Exploration Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/13 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck 6:00pm
- 11/14 Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

Birthdays

Margaret Munroe	11/11	Beth Gross	11/14
Bill Brewer	11/13	Brandie Burchard	11/15
Curtis Nilson	11/13		

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. This week we will be discussing "FAITH", the theme of next Sunday's text.

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

Friendsgiving Dinner – Children/Youth Bring a Friend Friendsgiving Dinner. After worship on November 24 the children/youth of Zion Reformed UCC are invited to join an a luncheon. We will ask Zion friends to sign-up to help provide elements of the meal. Watch for a sign-up tree in the Chapel.

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Gathering music: God of our Fathers. Versions by Mary McDonald and Lani Smith.

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Prelude: Mine eyes have seen the glory. Traditional melody arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Eternal Father strong to Save (insert) Navy hymn: Tune: Melita. Composed by William Whiting (1860). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Not alone for mighty empire Red 442. Tune: Hyfrydol. Composed by Rowland Hugh Pritchard. Words by William Pierson Merrill (1911). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (insert). Composed by H. Ernest Nichol (1896). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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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

To Give Electronically

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