

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 17, 2024 – 11:00am Worship



“Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.”

Max Lucado

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Concerto II (a minor)

Antonio Vivaldi and J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome all in person and online

Stewardship

A tribute to the lives of Betty Joan Patterson & John C. Patterson, Jr.

Nov. 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance 7:00pm

PRELUDE

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength

Benedetto Marcello

*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

Family of Betty Joan Patterson and John C Patterson Jr.

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, we pool our faith like candlelight;
through you we reveal hidden goodness.**

DEDICATION OF THE NEW - GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Glory to God 14

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art
Amazing Grace
I've Got So Much To Thank Him For

Performed by: Tom and Vicki Rhone

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Lector: Jean Simmons

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Zion Children's Choir

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-24 (NRSV)

Lector: Jean Simmons

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Great is Your Faithfulness

NCH 423

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say "yes" to God's invitation to join in building the Beloved Community here on earth.

OFFERTORY

Where E'er You Walk

Georg Frederick Handel

***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**

In the Sweet by and by

(See Insert)

Lead by Tom and Vicki Rhone

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

Toccata in G Major

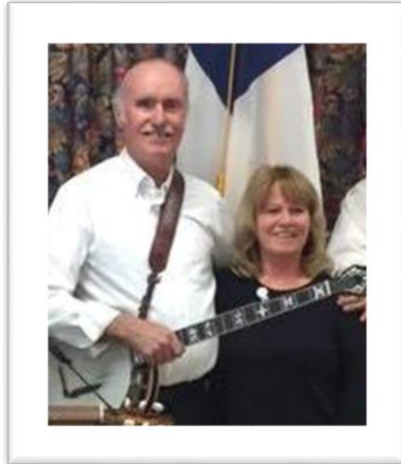
Theodore Dubois

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

**Flowers on the altar today are in memory of Betty Joan and John Patterson, Jr.
given by their family.**

Liturgy is from, *More Than Words*, © 2024 Barn Geese Worship. Used by permission. We are utilizing their materials providing for an extended Advent as we prepare for Christmas.

Today in worship we give thanks for the lives of Betty Joan Patterson and John C Patterson Jr. and appreciate their family's gifts in their honor. We give thanks for the amazing gift of the Glory to God Hymnals, an expansion of our worship singing. The blue grass and gospel musicians, Tom and Vicki Rhone are brought to us by the Patterson family - a donation from the Betty and John C. Patterson Jr. Special Music and Lectionary Fund.



We give thanks to our special guest musicians, Tom and Vicki Rhone. This husband-and-wife duo sang for Betty Patterson's Memorial Service and we are pleased to enjoy their music again. They originally started with "The Rhone Family Band" and then joined "The Gilbert Station Band."



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, **Bonnie Gross** (Aunt of 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, **Gina Tollini (friend of Pastor Katie Penick)**, 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 Jean Simmons.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.

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

Children's Church leader next week is Megan Shroyer.

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.

11/18 Zion volunteers serve dinner at REACH

11/19 Zion volunteers serve dinner at REACH

Staff Meeting 11:00am

Lighthouse After School Steering Committee 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

11/20 Zion volunteers serve dinner at REACH

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service 7:00pm

11/21 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

11/22 Zion Book Club 7:00pm

Birthdays

Kim Cook 11/18

Byron Stay 11/20

Jax Burchard 11/21

Daisy Schlotterbeck 11/22

Anniversaries

Sue & Mike Graff 11/18

Barbara & Randy Hendershot 11/22

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 "JUSTICE", 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.

Congregational Meeting – December 8th after worship – Voting on the Proposed Budget for 2025 and members to the Consistory – Susie Clutz, Calvin Livingston, Rich Owens, Tina Shafer, Rick Waters, and Alyn Wilson.

Service Credits CCLI Number: 6212519 November 17

Gathering music: Concerto II (a minor). Composed by Antonio Vivaldi and arranged by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength. Composed by Benedetto Marcello. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns:

For the Beauty of the Earth

Great is Your Faithfulness. NCH 423. Tune: Faithfulness. Composed by William Runyan (1923). Words by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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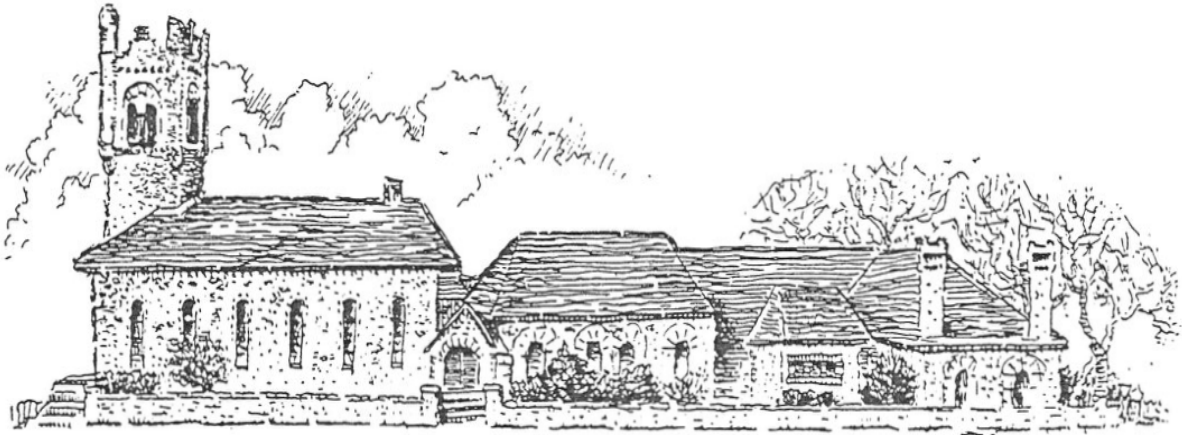
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Postlude: Toccata in G Major. Composed by Theodore Dubois. © 2002 by Dover Publications. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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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