



January 12, 2025

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

*To share the gospel of Christ
in such a way that we find God,
grow our faith,
discover our purpose
and make a difference.*

Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS

Four Chorales from the Orgelbuchlein, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Cookoff and Quiz Bowl

Take down Christmas Trees after church – Lunch will be provided

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Regent Square," Henry Smart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out with joy to all the earth!

All: **Worship God with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: **For God is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations. Praise God! Amen.**

*HYMN GG 634

To God Be the Glory

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Merciful God, lead us beside the still waters of your presence. In baptism you promise restoration and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from siblings in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and heal us and our communities. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE GG 575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Barb Hendershot

But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of YHWH—the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned. I am YHWH, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Nubia and Seba in exchange for you. You are more precious to me than Assyria; you are honored, and I love you. I will give people in exchange for you, whole nations in exchange for your life. Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather them from the west. To the north I will say, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back! Bring my daughters and sons from afar, return them from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my Name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made!

One: Listen to what the Spirit teaches us.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Bright Canaan, Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-17; 21-22, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Barb Hendershot

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying, “I am baptizing you in water, but someone is coming who is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to untie! This One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. A winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff will be burnt in unquenchable fire.” ...

When all the people were baptized, Jesus also came to be baptized. And while Jesus was praying, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on the Anointed One in visible form, like a dove. A voice from heaven said, “You are my Own, my Beloved. On you my favor rests.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Bubble Baths and Wildfires

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN GG 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER 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

God has made us stewards of the rich resources that were given in Creation and are given anew each day. On this day, we give our offerings and our pledges for the church's mission and ministries. Give, knowing that all that we have has come from God who will continue to provide. Let us put our hearts into our offerings as signs of our trust and faithfulness.

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken, Bunessan

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)

We give you thanks, God, that you speak and give us the gifts of creation and life. We give you thanks for your gracious work throughout the ages and pray that the salvaging word spoken in Christ would take even deeper root in us, so that we may serve you with courage. Make us generous in heart, so we may gladly share all that you have given us. Extend our reach across borders, boundaries, and divisions with respect, understanding, and love. May your Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us so your plans are our plans and your grace our generosity. Amen.

*HYMN GG 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

*BENEDICTION

One: Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.

All: We will love simply, live generously, deeply care, kindly speak, and rest in God.

POSTLUDE

People, Look East. Traditional French Melody, Mary McDonald

Altar flowers today are placed in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew K. Coffman.

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
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Gathering music: *Four Chorales from the Orgelbuchlein*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Regent Square."* Composed by Henry Smart (1867). Arr. by David Lasky. © 1994 by the H. W. Gray Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Response of Praise. GG 575. *Kyrie Eleison*. Music by Thomas Pavlechko (2006).

Hymns: *To God Be the Glory*. GG 634. Composed by William Howard Doane (1875). Words by Fanny Crosby (875). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus. GG 260. Tune: Hyfrydol. Composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard (183). Words by William Chatterton Dix. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O Christ, the Great Foundation. GG 361. Tune: Aurelia. Composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Bright Canaan*. Traditional melody. Arr. by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. © 1961 by Lawson-Gould Music.

Offertory: *Morning Has Broken* (Bunessan). Based on a Gaelic melody. Arr. by Lani Smith. © 1991 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *People, Look East*. Traditional French Melody. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2019 by the Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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 Reformed UCC 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 Books 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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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, Lon Bender, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, **Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law)**, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, Avery Goodrich, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Susan Lohman, Peggy Lowman, Darrin Miller, Bonnie Minoglio-Toms (friend of Barb & Charley Ware), Heather Morgan, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), Crystal Reed (Lori Schmidt's daughter-in-law), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

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

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Barb Hendershot

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

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Children's Church leader for this week is Carroll Sager

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Calvin Livingston

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly

- 1/12 Sunday School 9:45am
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
- ONA Fellowship 12:00pm
- Take down Christmas Trees – Lunch will be provided
- 1/13 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- 1/14 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 1/15 Potluck and Study 6pm
- 1/16 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 1/20 Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Birthdays

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| Frank Gerlando | 1/14 |
| Alden Grosh | 1/17 |
| Brooks Grosh | 1/17 |

Announcements

Easy-cise class on 2nd Saturdays at 9am. Join us in the chapel for a seated exercise class set to inspiring worship music! Designed to help you stretch and strengthen, this class is perfect for those looking to stay active or just starting out.

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck – 6pm. We will continue with the video series, Living the Questions following the potluck.

Chili Cook-Off and Quiz Bowl - Zion Youth invite you to support this fundraiser for the Youth's Summer Mission Trip. On January 18th from 6:00-8:00pm we gather in the Chapel for the First Annual Chili Cook-Off and Quiz Bowl.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack will be collecting **Noodle Soup and Vegetable Soup** during the month of January.

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **Peanut Butter** for the month of January. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.