

May 18, 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

Ciacona in c minor and Praeludium in C

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from a poem of Shane O'Reilly

One: Joy,
All: my Life
One: Mystery,
All: my Partner
One: Belonging,
All: my Love
One: Narrowness,
All: my Encounter
One: Fear,
All: my Poison
One: Time,
All: my Opportunity
One: Now,
All: my Eternity
One: Space,
All: my Proof
One: Hope,
All: my Salvation
One: Stop,
All: my Awakening
One: Look,
All: my Presence
One: Go,
All: my Creation
One: Gratitude,
All: my Answer. Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN GG/PURPLE 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of creation, we keep messing things up. Forgive us for what we do, and for all the things we let happen. We ignore Jesus and sometimes we make bad decisions. We swear and sometimes we try to get revenge. Forgive us for war, for fighting over stupid things, and for the bullying and shootings in our schools. Forgive us for the fact that racism, global warming and suicide are things that exist in our world. Forgive us for our lack of respect for others, and our lack of respect of you. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CHORAL REFRAIN

Wade in the Water

Children: Wade in the Water,
Wade in the Water,
children Wade in the Water,
God's gonna trouble the Water
**All: Who's that yonder dressed in red
Wade in the Water
Must be the Children that Moses led
And God's gonna trouble the Water**

Children: Wade in the Water,
Wade in the Water,
children Wade in the Water,
God's gonna trouble the Water
**All: Who's that yonder dressed in white
Wade in the Water
Must be the Children of the Israelites
God's gonna trouble the Water**

Children: Wade in the Water,
Wade in the Water,
children Wade in the Water,
God's gonna trouble the Water
**All: Who's that yonder dressed in blue
Wade in the Water
Must be Children coming through
And God's gonna trouble the Water**

Children: Wade in the Water,
Wade in the Water,
children Wade in the Water,
God's gonna trouble the Water

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rae Smith and Zion Youth

Children: Happiness comes to those
who reject the path of violence,
who refuse to associate with criminals
or even to sit with people who belittle others.

Rae: Happiness comes to those
who delight in the Law of YHWH
and meditate on it day and night. They're like trees planted by flowing water—
they bear fruit in every season,
and their leaves never wither:
everything they do will prosper. But not wrongdoers!

Children: They're like chaff that the wind blows away.
They won't have a taproot to anchor them when judgment comes,
nor will corrupt individuals be given a place
at the Gathering of the Just.

Rae: YHWH watches over the steps of those who do justice;
but those on a path of violence and injustice
will find themselves irretrievably lost.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

His Eye is on the Sparrow

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn't welcome the kingdom of God as a little child won't enter it." And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Love and Other Kid Stuff

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN NCH/BLACK 487**

Surely No One Can Be Safer

LITANY FOR GRADUATES AND MORNING PRAYER

One: Today is the day that we honor the mountain top experiences of our graduates. They have climbed the mountain, and been transfigured by their learning and experiences.

All: But Wait – We cannot stop with celebration and praise, for their journey continues.

One: Yes, God's time is not our own. We are always in the process of becoming. Therefore, let us celebrate the work of God in the lives of these young people and pray that God may continue to glorify their gifts and graces.

All: As these young people transition from high school to college or from student life to careers and futures outside of academia, let us celebrate the memories and accomplishments of the past and look with open hearts and eyes on the joy and fulfillment of future possibilities.

One: God is continually creating new from old. Let us bless the present fruits as sign of a bountiful harvest yet to come.

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

OFFERTORY

Weeping May Tarry for the Night, but Joy Cometh in the Morning

* 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: The world says, "Be sure you get what's coming to you."

All: Scripture says, "Life doesn't consist of what you possess." *Luke 12:15*

One: The world says, "Spend and accumulate goods."

All: Scripture says, "Give and you will develop character." *Phil. 4:17*

One: The world says, "Wealth is a person's security."

All: Scripture says, "Refuge in God is our security." *Isaiah 57:20*

One: The world says, "Seek your own gratification."

All: Scripture says, "Offer to God your gratitude." *Colossians 3:16*

One: Holy One, in all our decision-making as a church, as families and as disciples of Christ,

All: Your will be done.

One: Holy One, in the choices of what we do, what we see, the friendships we foster,

All: Your will be done.

One: Holy One, in sifting through our dreams and ambitions, our career choices, our lists of priorities,
and our goals for ourselves and our loved ones,

All: Your will, your perfect will be done, as we live life to Christ's glory. Amen

*HYMN GG/PURPLE 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CHILDREN'S BENEDICTION

Youth: (point to ears) May my ears hear you.

Children: May my ears hear you.

Youth: (point to eyes) May my eyes look for you.

Children: May my eyes look for you.

Youth: (put hand on chest): May my heart know you.

Children: May my heart know you.

Youth: Go in Peace.

All: We go in Peace and in Joy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude as the Acolyte douses the altar candles.

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR THE 11:00AM SERVICE.

**WE RETURN TO THE 10:00AM SERVICE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND,
MAY 25th UNTIL LABOR DAY WEEKEND.**

Congratulations!



Dominic Anthony Sambataro, who is Betsy Roulette's great-grandson and Beth Baseler's grandson, is graduating from Loch Raven High School in Baltimore County. He is interested in attending trade school and then obtaining his business degree. He is also quite the athlete!

Mackenzie Ridenour graduated on May 17th from Delaware Valley University with her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. She is planning to continue her education and has applied for Veterinary School. Mackenzie is interested in large animal veterinary care.

Mackenzie



Nicholas

Wells Ridenour's grandson Nicholas Kornilow is graduating from Shippensburg University with his bachelor's degree in biology. He will be attending dentistry school in the fall.

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:

Holly Bell, Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, **Beth Baseler, Naomi Brackett**, Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, **Kim & Bill Cook**, Family of Fay Doppel (Barb Hendershot's sister-in-law), **Frank Ebersole**, Donna France, The Family of Sally Glover (Wife of Carl Glover), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, Jim Hatfield, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), **The Family of Howard Kaylor**, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, Darrin Miller, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Staci Shafer, **Tina Shafer, Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, and Angela Yamashita.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Rae Smith and Zion Youth.

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, Barb Ware.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rae Smith.

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

Next week's Children's Church leader is Megan Shroyer.

- 5/18 Sunday School 9:45am
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
- Youth Worship Takeover 11:00am
- Youth & Young Adults Class 12:00pm following worship
- 5/20 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Lighthouse After-school Steering Committee meeting 12:00pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 5/21 Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 5/22 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- Zion Downtown Youth Fellowship 6:00pm

Birthdays

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| 5/18 Rony Joy | 5/22 Steve Burgan |
| 5/19 Randy Schultz | 5/23 Jeffery Lowman |
| 5/19 Steve Wise | 5/24 James Coates |
| 5/21 Amber Nilson | |

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack will be collecting **Granola Bars** during the month of **May**.

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **Laundry Pods** for the month of **May**. We are also in need of **empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes**.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

The Arthur Grove Class is a Bible-based study and discussion group for adults led by David Ridenour and Rae Smith. Attend in person or via Zoom. **Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867 Password: Peace**

The Youth & Young Adults class is for 6th Graders through 23-year-olds and will be held upstairs in the Youth Room following worship.

The Children's Sunday School is for young people Pre-K through 5th grade. The teaching is based on that week's scripture readings and is led by Miss Kim.

Wednesday Night Potluck and Devotional – Enjoy the comradery and a potluck dinner while studying the devotional for the week.

Downtown Hagerstown Youth Group - Meets Thursday evenings 6:00 – 8:00pm for fun, fellowship, service and conversation.

Service Credits
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Children's Anthem: *Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart (Joy in My Heart)*. Composed by George Willis Cooke. © 1925

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