

May 25, 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



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## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Early American Hymn-Tune Preludes*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Fanfare for the Common Man*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

All: **Let the design of your great love shine on us and your troubled world and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. Alleluia! Amen!**

## \*HYMN PURPLE/GG 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

## PRAYER OF HOPE

One: Often, we feel harassed or afraid. Peace is absent from our heart and from our world. We are caught up in busyness and conflict. We are full of tension, worry, anger and bitterness. We carry with us emotions which poison our relationships with each other and with you. We carry fears which hold us back and distractions which lead us away from life as you mean it to be lived. Our lives become weighed down with burdens we need not carry but do.

All: **God, we come seeking rest, release, renewal. Grant us your peace!**

## CHORAL REFRAIN (verses 1 & 4)

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put Christ into each other's hands,  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people:  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Come Thou Fount*

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Abba will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from God who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to God, because God is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**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 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.**

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

### **CALL 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 God’s Beloved Community here on earth.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

### **\* 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)

God of plenty, bless these gifts, and the ones who gave.  
May our circle of giving and receiving draw us close  
with each one’s gift cherished and each one’s needs met. Amen.

### **\*HYMN - SEE INSERT**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the roads rise to meet you,  
May the winds be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of God’s hand.

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

### **POSTLUDE**

*The Washington Post March*

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

## 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), 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 Barb Ware.

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

### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rick Waters

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

- 5/25 Sunday Worship 10:00am
- 5/26 Memorial Day – Office Closed
- 5/27 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 5/28 Lighthouse Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 5/29 Zion Downtown Youth Fellowship 6:00pm

### Birthdays

- 5/28 Kristin Grosh
- 5/31 Lisa Saum



### American Flag Afghan

We will be raffling this handmade Afghan, made by one of our members to fit a Queen- or King-sized bed, now until July 1<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds to go to our Tuesday Night Ministries and our Youth programs.

Raffel tickets are \$5.00 each. See Rae Smith for tickets and info.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES DO NOT MEET FROM MAY 25<sup>th</sup> – AUG 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**CLASSES WILL RESUME ON September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **Canned Fish and Meats** for the month of **June**. We are also in need of **empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes**.

Thank you for your help in this outreach ministry.

Service Credits  
CCLI Number: 6212519  
May 25  
Memorial Day

Gathering music: *Early American Hymn-Tune Preludes*. Arr. by Robert J. Powell. © 1997 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Fanfare for the Common Man*. Composed by Aaron Copland. ©1944 by Aaron Copland. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*. GG 338. Tune: Materna. Composed by Samuel Augustus Ward (1882). Words by Katherine Lee Bates (1893). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*. GG 8. Tune Melita. Composed by John Bacchus Dykes. Words by William Whiting (1860). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*. Composed by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Come Thou Fount*. Composed by John Wyeth. Arr. by Craig Courtney. © 1988 by Beckenhorst Press.

Offertory: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*. Traditional American 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.

Postlude: *The Washington Post March*. Composed by John Phillip Sousa. © 2012 by Wayne Leupold Editions. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

# **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Family all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me