

June 1, 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

*Praeludium and Fugue in c minor*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Out of the chaos, God brings creativity.

**All: Out of darkness, God brings light.**

One: Out of sadness, God brings joy.

**All: Out of alienation, God brings community.**

One: Come, let us bow down.

**All: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker and let our praises begin!**

## \*HYMN PURPLE/GG 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

## PRAYER OF HOPE

Come, O Holy Spirit.  
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.  
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves  
to be your servants to the world. Amen.

## 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.**

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way but that by my speaking with all boldness Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people:

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

## SCRIPTURE Acts 16:16-23

Lector: Rick Waters

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON Stand by Me

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

## \*HYMN PURPLE/GG 36

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from north, south, east, and west to sit at the table in the realm of God.

**All: Here in this place, the communion table is open to people of all races, creeds, sexual orientations, economic circumstances, and ages: adults, teens, and children.**

One: This is the Lord's table, we are invited to share the feast which he has prepared.

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us continue in prayer...

Holy God we believe in you for you made the world. You love it. You smile on it. You created human beings each to be different and asked us to get along with each other. You asked us to share and love each other and we are here committing ourselves to the task. We believe in Jesus Christ who came among us insignificantly, and walked among us incognito; who, to change the world, called disciples friends, and called people away from security; who befriended those whose company would discredit him; who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned; who spoke the deepest truths; who contradicted common sense by taking on the cross and taking on the grave and being liberated to live on the third day. This Jesus calls us today, now as then, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit through whom God surprises, disappoints, cajoles and questions us; who is the bringer of strength and source of humor; who leads us to discover the truth we avoid; and we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world and we rejoice that God has made it so.

For when we were nothing, You made us something; when we had no name and no faith and no future, You called us your children; when we lost our way or turned away, You did not abandon us; when we came back to You, your arms opened wide in welcome. And, look, You prepared a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self, so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again.

Unite us in this sacrament that we may become, for You, your body, loving and caring in the world. Until your will be everywhere done...Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, "this is my body, it's broken for you – remember me.

And later he took the cup and said, "This is the new relationship with God made possible through blood and resurrection from death. Take this all of you."

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Zion Choir

### **MUSIC**

*Nocturnes in F Major and E flat Major*

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

### **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Musings on "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

## \* 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)

Spirit of wind and fire, God of great possibilities, breathe Your new life into the world through these Gifts we return to You. Give us the gift of carrying You to others in ways that all may understand. Make us instruments of Your peace, through our own spiritual gifts and through the outreach of our offerings.  
Amen.

## \*HYMN PURPLE/GG 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

## \*BENEDICTION

Blessed is the path on which you travel.  
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.  
Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.  
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.  
Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.  
Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.  
May you go forth in peace.

## POSTLUDE

*Processional for Organ and Trumpet in C*

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**, **Frank Ebersole**, Donna France, 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 Lorring, Darrin Miller, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, **Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, **Russ Ware & Diane Ware Cantrell (son & daughter of Charley Ware)**, Angela Yamashita.



## 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.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. See Rae Smith, or contact the office, for tickets and info.

## Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Rick Waters.

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

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jim Ridgley

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

- 6/1 Sunday Worship 10:00am  
VBS Meeting 11:30
- 6/3 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 6/4 Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 6/5 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm

### Birthdays

- 6/2 Alice Barr
- 6/6 William Myers
- 6/7 Francis (Cowboy) Ward

### Anniversaries

- 6/4 Jason & Kelly Weicht
- 6/5 Bill & Kim Cook
- 6/6 Aaron & Linda Kelly

## 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.

## 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.

Service Credits  
CCLI Number: 6212519  
June 1

Gathering music: *Praeludium and Fugue in c minor*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.  
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude*. Composed by Healey Willan. © 1950 by Concordia Publishing House.  
Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*. GG 35. Tune: Lobe Den Herren. Composed by Stralsund.  
Words by Joachim Neander. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion  
Reformed UCC.

*For the Fruit of All Creation*. GG 36. Tune: Ar Hydy Nos. Welsh melody. Words by Fred  
Pratt Green. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*. GG 32. Words by Isaac Watts (1715). Performed by Byron L.  
Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

Choir Anthem: *We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light*. A Traditional Zulu Song. Choral Arr. by Hal H.  
Hopson. ©1994 by Hope Publishing Co. CCLI number: 1321512

Communion: *Nocturnes in F Major and E flat Major*. Composed by John Field. © 1991 by Universal  
Editions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Offertory: *Musings on "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."* Traditional spiritual. Arr. by Robert Lau. ©  
2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Processional for Organ and Trumpet in C*. Composed by C. M. Moblard. Performed by Byron L.  
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