



June 15, 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 AND BELLS

Rhosymedre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

All: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

All: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

One: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

*HYMN BLACK NCH 518

Father Almighty Bless Us

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

“To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.

“The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
Before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.

I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was constantly at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *This is My Father’s World*

Rae Smith

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Barb Hendershot

SCRIPTURE Psalm 8

Lector: Barb Hendershot

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON What Are The Proverbs For?

Rae Smith

***HYMN RED 46**

Now in the Days of Youth

MORNING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love.

Amen

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 Her Kin(g)dom building work here on earth.

OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

*** 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)

Bountiful God,
All that we can offer you stems from your generosity.
May the gifts that we return to you
become a blessing for your whole community,
enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us.
Amen.

***HYMN RED 377**

O God, Above the Drifting Years

***BENEDICTION**

One: The Lord God almighty is our Father:
All: He loves us and tenderly cares for us.
One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior:
All: He has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.
One: The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:
All: He will lead us in God's holy way.
One: To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
All: Be praise and glory today and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

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 Lorfing, Darrin Miller, **Sam Murray**, **Kevin Naylor**, **Pastor Katie Penick**, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, The Family of Janet Roberts, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, **Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, **Russ Ware & Diane Ware Cantrell** (son & daughter of Charley Ware), **Eric Wolbring**, 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 1st. 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 Barb Hendershot.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Rick Waters.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Calvin Livingston

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, Barb Ware.

- 6/15 Sunday Worship 10:00am
- 6/17 Lighthouse After School Steering Committee Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 6/18 Hager 250th Meeting 11:00am
Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 6/19 Juneteenth
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- 6/21 Decorate for VBS 9:00am
Hagerstown Pride Fest 12:00pm

Birthdays

6/16 Isaiah Nelson

Anniversaries

6/19 Anissa & Doug Wade

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.

REACH Cold Weather Shelter - Believe it or not, ZION is already signed up to cover the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30. Volunteers will be needed to cook and serve dinner, clean up the kitchen, register, check, and search guests, monitor the laundry area, and provide overnight coverage. It's not too early to get these dates on your calendar. Please see Carroll Sager if you are interested in helping.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES DO NOT MEET FROM MAY 25th – AUG 31st
Classes will resume on SEPTEMBER 7th

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 15

(Fathers' Day)

Gathering music: *Rhosymedre* (or "Lovely"). Composed by R. Vaughan Williams. © 1920 by Stainer & Bell Ltd. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *God of Grace and God of Glory*. Composed by John Hughes. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 1990 by Van Ness Press. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Father Almighty, Bless Us*. NCH 518. Tune: Integer Vitae. Composed by Friedrich F. Flemming. Words by Rev. L. J. W. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Now in the Days of Youth. Red 446. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George G. Elvey. Words by Carl J. P. Spitta (1813). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O God, Above the Drifting Years. Red 377. Tune: Duke Street. Composed by John Hatton (1793). Words by John Wright Buckham (1916). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special Music: Rae Smith. *This is My Father's World*.

Offertory: *O Worship the King*. Composed by Johann M. Haydn. Arr. by Lani Smith. © 1976 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 4148489

Postlude: Toccata (from "Fifth Symphony"). Composed by Charles Marie Widor. © 1953 by Edward B. Marks Music Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.