



June 29, 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

Fanfare on "America the Beautiful"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Onward Christian Soldiers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We cried, "O God, help,"

All: *and God was compassion; we stirred God's heart; God healed.*

One: God turns our mourning into dancing;

All: *Most Beloved clothes us with joy.*

One: With smiling, beaming gratitude, we worship Most Light; compassionately,
warmly, as healers, dancers, joy specialists.

All: *May it be so. Amen.*

*HYMN See Insert

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

COMPASSION PRAYER

One: C

All: *is for caring for all people.*

One: O

All: *is for outreach to others in our community.*

One: M

All: *is for the good manners we show others.*

One: P

All: *is for our prayers which help our faith to grow.*

One: A

All: *is for acting on what we say.*

One: S

All: *is for sharing our gifts each and every day.*

One: S

All: *is for singing praises to God.*

One: I
All: *is for investing time in faith and love.*
One: O
All: *is for opening our hearts to others.*
One: N
All: *is for needing to show compassion to everyone.*

*Adapted from Words for the Journey for Kids

One: "We commit ourselves to lives of compassionate kindness."
All: *Being passionate about our love and concern for others
opening our hearts and lives to others with real enthusiasm,
being particularly concerned for the lives of the poor and powerless,
focusing our love on those who tend to be looked down on,
enabling others to achieve their potential,
being agents of positive change in people's lives,
following Jesus' example of self-giving love.*

Roger Courtney, Ireland, <http://progressivechristianity.org/>

CHORAL RESPONSE

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.

SCRIPTURE Hosea 11:1-4

Lector: Carol Mooers

When Israel was a child, I loved them, and out of Egypt I called The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SPECIAL MUSIC & WORD FOR CHILDREN

VBS Children

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Make Haste to be Kind

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

***HYMN**

Be Kind to One Another

To the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.
Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.
Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.
Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.
O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Introduction of Joining Member: Kodi Taylor

Consistory Vice-President, Carol Mooers

Rev. Scott Winnette

Sibling in Christ, you have been asked to come forward to help us associate your name with your face, which is a vital step as we seek to cultivate a real knowing of one another. It is in our relationships with one another, as well as in our shared worship, study, reflection, and service, that the life of this community of faith is built.

Statement of Faith: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, and to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You.
Amen.

Statement of Expectations for Joining Members

Consistory Vice-President, Carol Mooers

In response to our covenant and as an essential means of fulfilling it we expect the following from all members. We expect to find you at worship frequently; we assume you will be part of our circle around the Lord's Table. We assume you will want to continue to learn and to grow through sharing in our educational programs. We assume you are open to involvement in our servant forms of ministry in and beyond our church. We assume you will take a leadership role when possible and that you will set aside a responsible portion of your income for the financial support of our ministry in and beyond Hagerstown.

Statement of Expectations of Joining Members (in unison)

You may expect from us, your fellow members, every feasible opportunity for spiritual, personal and social growth. To facilitate this, we will share with you our gifts of experience and understanding in matters of life and faith. In your times of decision, stress and grief, you may expect us to be by your side. You may likewise expect us to want to be with you in your times of joy and celebration. From our Pastor, you may expect sound preaching, good counsel, informed teaching, leadership in community service, and always a willingness to listen and share with you. What we give you as your fellow members is our trust, and we ask yours in return.

Rev. Scott Winnette

Acceptance of Membership: Understanding the content of our covenant and hearing the expectations of fellow members, do you accept our invitation to membership?

If so, answer: "Yes, with the help of God and my fellow members."

Welcome of the Congregation: Do you, the members of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ accept Kodi as your fellow member?

If so, answer: "We do with joy!"

Unison Words of Welcome:

We welcome you with thanksgiving as partners in the vital ministries of the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Christ. God grant that together we may live out the claims of our faith and continue to grow into the fullness and maturity of life known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

* 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)

Dependable God
in whom we live and move and have our being.
Once again You have filled us with hope
and blessed us with grace.
And we are grateful.
We now offer our very selves as a fragrant offering to You.
Receive us, transform us, and use us for Your glory.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

One: May God bless us;
May God keep us in the Spirit's care
And lead our lives with love.

All: *May God's warm welcome shine from our hearts
And Christ's own peace prevail
Through this and every day. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata on "St. Anne

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, **Family and Students of Brian Long**, Mary Lorfing, Darrin Miller, **Sam Murray**, **Kevin Naylor**, **Bob Nilson (Curtis Nilson's Grandfather)**, **Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's Father)**, **Pastor Katie Penick**, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, The Family of Janet Roberts, **Angie Schaff**, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, **Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, **Russ Ware & Diane Ware Cantrell (son & daughter of Charley Ware)**, **Eric Wolbring**, and Angela Yamashita.

AMERICAN FLAG AFGHAN

This is the final week to get Raffle Tickets for this handmade afghan. We will be pulling the winning ticket next Sunday.

Good Luck everyone.

All proceeds to go to our Tuesday Night Ministries and our Youth programs. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. See Rae Smith, or contact



Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Carol Mooers.

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Amber Nilson.

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

6/29 Sunday Worship 10:00am
7/1 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
7/3 4-H Club Meeting
7/4 Independence Day - Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS

6/29 Connor Nilson
6/30 Richard Cantilena
6/30 Moly Dwyer
6/30 Max Dwyer
7/1 Todd Hershey

ANNIVERSARIES

6/29 Calvin and Angel Livingston
6/29 Toby & Danielle Wantz

the office, for tickets and info.

Pray for our Mission Team who leave for New Bern, NC next Sunday morning, July 6, 2025.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our **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.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
June 29

Gathering music: *Fanfare on "America the Beautiful."* Composed by Samuel A. Ward. Arr. by Matthew H. Corl. © 1996 by H. W. Gray Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Onward Christian Soldiers.* Composed by Arthur S. Sullivan. Arr. by Harry Simeone. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.* Composed by H. Ernest Nichol (1896). Words by Colin Sterne (1896). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Be Kind To One Another. Tune: Aurelia Composed by Samuel S. Wesley (1864). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

God of Our Fathers. Red 440. Tune: National Hymn Composed by George William Warren (1892). Words by Daniel C. Roberts (1876). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: Vacation Bible School Children.

Offertory: *How Firm a Foundation.* From Genuine Church Music (1832). 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. CCLI number: 7205212

Postlude: *Festival Toccata on "St. Anne."* Composed by William Croft. Arr. by Frederick Swann. © 1998 by Tarzana Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

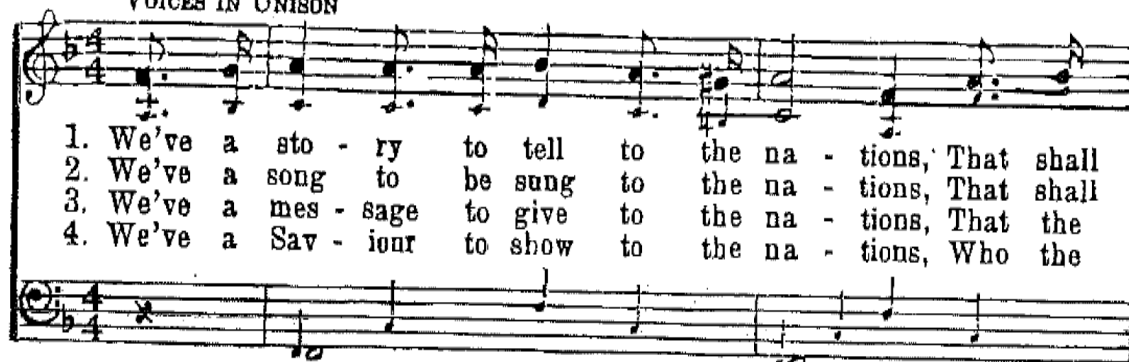
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES DO NOT MEET FROM MAY 25th – AUG 31st
Classes will resume on SEPTEMBER 7th

We've a Story to Tell

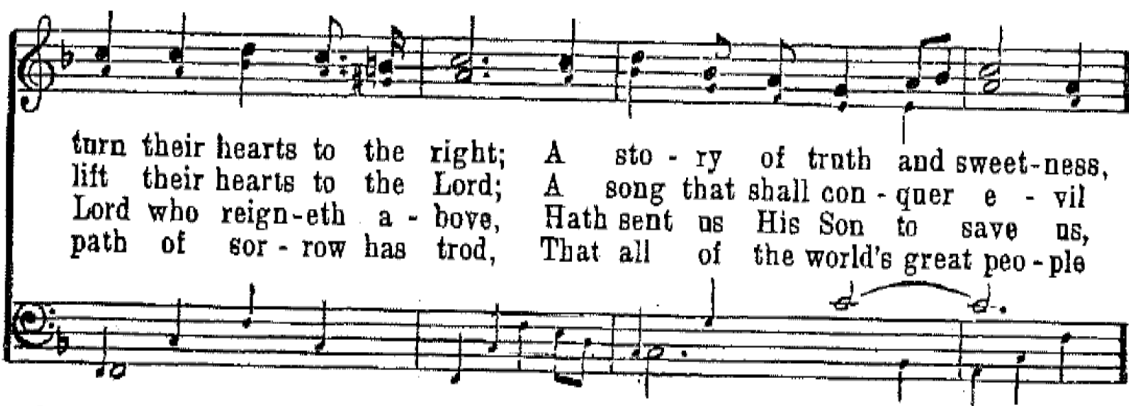
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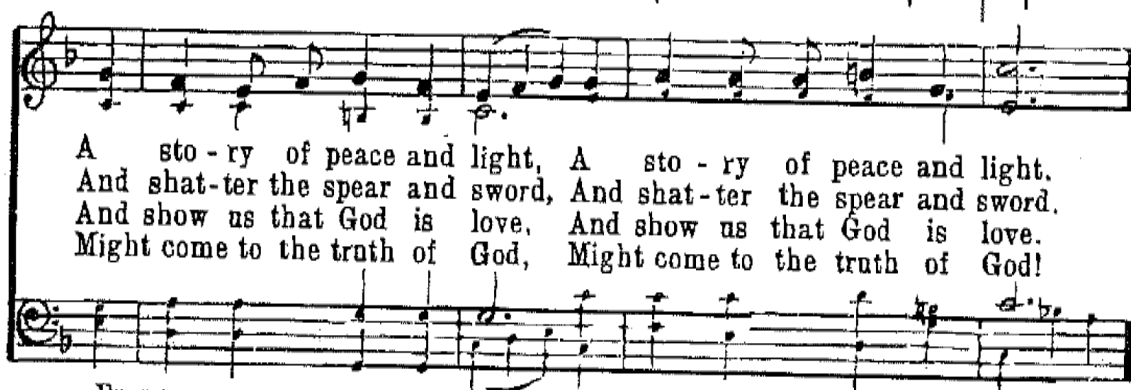
VOICES IN UNISON



1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, That shall
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, That shall
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, That the
 4. We've a Sav - iour to show to the na - tions, Who the

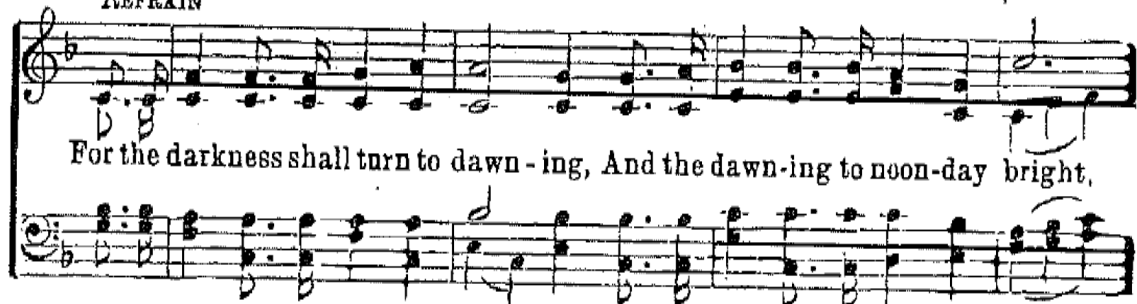


turn their hearts to the right; A sto - ry of truth and sweet-ness,
 lift their hearts to the Lord; A song that shall con - quer e - vil
 Lord who reign-eth a - bove, Hath sent us His Son to save us,
 path of sor - row has trod, That all of the world's great peo - ple

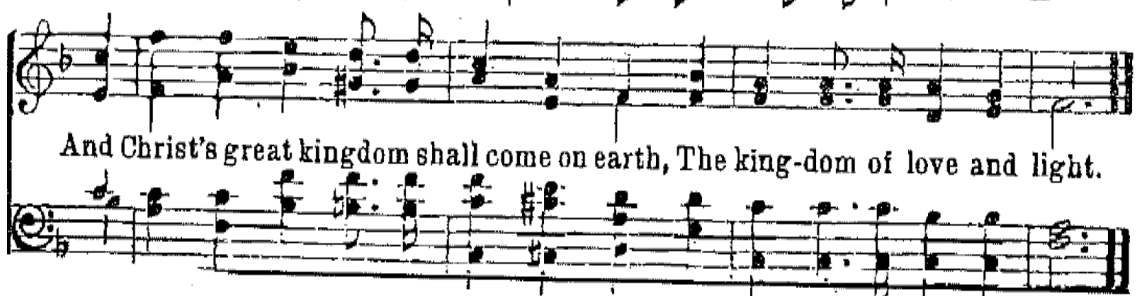


A sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
 And shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
 And show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
 Might come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God!

REFRAIN



For the darkness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,



And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, The king - dom of love and light.