



July 13, 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

*Voluntary in C Major*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the people of God, united through God's mercy.

**We gather as one people, to worship and praise our God.**

We gather, joyfully celebrating the oneness of our purpose.

**We gather, as people blessed by God: to worship and honor our God.**

We gather, renewed and refreshed by the ever-flowing stream of God's mercy.

## \*HYMN Purple 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of Beauty,  
our mouths are full of praise and wonder  
for the grandeur of your exquisite world.  
And our hearts are full of your glory.  
And yet we confess  
that there is often sadness and strife in our lives,  
and clouds darken the horizon.  
Living Love,  
give us the courage and creativity  
to embrace the perplexities of living.  
And keep our eyes open  
to recognize you in the unfolding rhythms of our days.  
Bind us together in your Holy Mercy's Joy. Amen

## 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 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Lector: Rich Owens

O God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O God, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Tim Wolfe, saxophone

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Joni Miller

**\*HYMN Purple 169**

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**MORNING PRAYER**

**THE PRAYER THAT 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 that sin against us.  
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 TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Gabriel's Oboe*

**\* 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)

Holy God, we thank You for all Your good gifts. We worship You with all that we are and all that we have. We give all that we are and all that we have seeking to encourage one another to better trust, to deeper faith, to broader love and to greater deeds. God, we pray that You bless our gifts, and our lives. Amen.

**\*HYMN Purple 291**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Now may the grace of Christ,  
**The grace that shows the Peace of Jesus**  
The love of God,  
**The love that shows the Peace of God**  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
**The communion that shows our Peace**  
Be with us all now and forevermore. And all God's people say,  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium und Fuge in g minor*

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

**Congratulations to Randy Schultz, the winner of the American Flag afghan.**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in this raffle. Your generosity helped raise \$385 which will be split between our Tuesday Night Ministries and our Youth Program.**

### 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, **Alice Barr**, 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, **Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman)**, **Sam Murray**, **Kevin Naylor**, The Family of 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.

### Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Rich Owens.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, and John Schnebly.

### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Wells Ridenour.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Jim Ridgley, and Rick Waters.

- 7/13 Sunday Worship 10:00am  
Bridges & Boundaries Workshop by Dr. Joni Miller 11:00am – 12:00pm
- 7/14 Deadline for Newsletter articles
- 7/15 Staff Meeting 11:00am  
Lighthouse After-School Steering Committee 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 7/16 Hager 250<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting 1:30pm
- 7/17 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

### BIRTHDAYS

- 7/19 Rick Waters

### 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>**

## Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our **Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **Snacks, Peanut Butter Crackers, and Cheese Crackers** for the month of **July**. 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  
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Gathering music: *Voluntary in C Major*. Composed by Henry Purcell. © 1946 by Mercury Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: I Sing the Mighty Power of God. Traditional English melody. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 2010 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7213826

Hymns: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*. Purple 611. Tune: Hymn to Joy. Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Words by Henry van Dyke (1907). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*. Purple 169. Tune: Rest. Composed by Frederick Charles Maker (1887). Words by John Greenleaf Whittier (1872). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*. Purple 291. Tune: Spirit. Words and music by James E. Manley. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: Tim Wolfe, saxophone.

Offertory: *Gabriel's Oboe*. Composed by Ennio Morricone. © 1986 by BMG VM Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Praeludium und Fuge in g minor*. Composed by Nicolaus Bruhns. © 1968 by Henry Litolf's Verlag. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.