



July 27, 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**

*Introduction and Toccata in G Major*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*I Am the Bread of Life* Performed by Elisa Shaw, soloist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore, we will not fear; though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Let us worship God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN Red 66**

*The Spacious Firmament on High*

**PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison) A Prayer of Father Henri Nouwen**

Dear God,

I so much want to be in control.

I want to be the master of my own destiny.

Still I know that you are saying:

“Let me take you by the hand and lead you.

Accept my love

and trust that where I will bring you,

the deepest desires of your heart will be fulfilled.”

Lord, open my hands to receive your gift of love.

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.

“The world says, ‘If you are not making good use of your time, you are useless.’ Jesus says: ‘Come spend some useless time with me.’ If we think about prayer in terms of its usefulness to us—what prayer will do for us, what spiritual benefits we will gain, what insights we will gain, what divine presence we may feel—God cannot easily speak to us. But if we can detach ourselves from the idea of the usefulness of prayer and the results of prayer, we become free to ‘waste’ a precious hour with God in prayer. Gradually, we may find, our ‘useless’ time will transform us, and everything around us will be different. Prayer is being unbusy with God instead of being busy with other things. Prayer is primarily to do nothing useful or productive in the presence of God. To not be useful is to remind myself that if anything important or fruitful happens through prayer, it is God who achieves the result. So when I go into the day, I go with the conviction that God is the one who brings forth fruit in my work, and I do not have to act as though I am in control of things. I have to work hard; I have to do my task; I have to offer my best. But I can let go of the illusion of control and be detached from the result. At the end of each day, I can prayerfully say that if something good has happened, God be praised.”

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Allemanda from “Concerto for Oboe and Strings”* Performed by Moly Dwyer

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE Luke 11: 1-13 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jim Ridgely

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, “Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Abba God, hallowed be your Name! May your reign come. Give us today tomorrow’s bread. Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don’t let us be subjected to the Test.’”

Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, ‘Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.’ ‘Then your neighbor says, ‘Leave me alone. The door is already locked, and the children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to look after your needs.’ I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need. ‘That’s why I tell you, keep asking and you’ll receive; keep looking and you’ll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?’”

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

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

## \*HYMN Purple 54

*Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

## 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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### \* 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.

### \*HYMN Purple 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

### \*BENEDICTION

May God bless us;  
May God keep us in the Spirit's care  
And lead our lives with love.  
May God's warm welcome shine from our hearts  
And Christ's own peace prevail  
Through this and every day. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Ovation and Festive Flight*

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:*

Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, **Alice Barr**, Beth Baseler, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, **Myra Creammitt**, **Frank Ebersole**, Donna France, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, **Beth Hauver**, Jim Hatfield, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Mary Lorfing, Darrin Miller, **Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman)**, **Anthony Moscato, Sr. (Pastor Scott's father-in-law)**, **Sam Murray**, Kevin Naylor, **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, **Cheryl (sister of Colleen Rafferty)**, Thelma Summers, Margaret Wagner, Russ Ware & Diane Ware Cantrell (son & daughter of Charley Ware), **Eric Wolbring**, **The family of Glenn Woodward (Pastor Scott's cousin)**, and Angela Yamashita.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Jim Ridgely.

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, and Barb Ware.

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Tina Shafer.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.

7/27 Sunday Worship 10:00am

7/29 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

## BIRTHDAYS

7/24 Anthony Moscato Sorry your birthdays

7/26 Kodi Taylor were missed last week.

Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to John Ridenour.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 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** - The sign-up sheet to volunteer at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30 is on the table in the Chapel. Thank you for helping others who are in need.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

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Gathering music: *Introduction and Toccata in G Major*. Composed by William Walond. © 1947 by Mercury Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *I Am the Bread of Life*. Composed by Suzanne Toolan. © 1971 by GIA Publications, Inc. Performed by Elisa Shaw, soloist.

Hymns: *The Spacious Firmament on High*. Red 66. Tune: Creation. Composed by Franz Joseph Haydn (1798). Words by Joseph Addison (1712). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Make a Joyful Noise to God!* Purple 54. Tune: Dix. Composed by Conrad Kocher (1838). Words by Michael Morgan (1995). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*. Purple 761. Tune: Beecher. Composed by John Zundel (1870). Words by Jane Parker Huger (1981). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music *Allemanda from "Concerto for Oboe and Strings."* Composed by Corelli-Barbirolli. Performed by Moly Dwyer, oboe.

Offertory: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*. Composed by James Ellor. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Trumpet Ovation and Festive Flight*. Composed by Gilbert M. Martin. © 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.