



August 3, 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

*O Lamb of God All Holy*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*The Trumpet of Faith*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Because God is good,  
**We come to celebrate God's gift of life-giving love.**  
Because God is good,  
**We raise our voices in gratitude for Christ's promise of liberation.**  
Because God is good,  
**We surrender ourselves to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.**  
Because, God is.

## \*HYMN Purple 517

*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

## PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Lord, you are the One who calls. We are all called to value every member of your human family; to proclaim your good news fearlessly, with clarity and humility; and to seek justice and to practice compassion. Lord, you call us to follow you. Grant us the courage to do so faithfully, that we may know your pleasure in us. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an Omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an Omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Can I Say Thanks.* Performed by Megan Shroyer

**WORD FOR CHILDREN** *All Are Welcome*

Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 12:13-21

Lector: Tina Shafer

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**Gloria, gloria (canon)**

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex-cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

\*HYMN Purple 522

*I Am the Bread of Life*

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal*

\* 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

There are too many places in our world where the price of admission is more than we can afford, where we are asked to leave pieces of ourselves at the door, where we are told there's no room for one more. At this Communion table there's always room, room to spare. Yes, we will squeeze you in right over there. Take a seat, pull up a stool or your wheelchair, settle in a pew, or on the floor. This is a table that is not just a table. It is the sign of God's love here on earth, an affirmation of your sacred worth. This is a table that, whether we are many or few, would not be the same if it didn't include you.

**We give thanks to you, O God, for drawing us close, for feeding our bodies, for nurturing our spirits, for loving us exactly as we are. We carry within us memories of rejection and loneliness, shame and self-loathing, guilt and fear, And so we give thanks that at your table we embody a different message: We are beloved. We are enough. We are worthy. We feast together with gratitude, hungry to build a world where everybody is honored, where every bruised and broken spirit is healed, where everyone is invited to receive the gift of unconditional love.**

We remember that night in the upper room, Jesus at a table crowded with disciples. He knew their pasts, the places that had formed them. He knew their future, the pain and sorrow to come. He saw the places deep within that they tried to keep hidden, and still he offered them the cup of salvation and the bread of life, gifts to show them they are loved, always loved.

Come, Holy Spirit, come, transform these ordinary things into sacred gifts. Prepare our bodies to be fed. Prepare our hearts to receive a love that is more persistent than fear, and a life stronger than death.

The table is ready. Come to be known. Come to receive God's grace.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Let's say thanks for all we have received.

**Thanks be to God whose name is Love. Thanks be to God who hungers to know us and be known by us. As we leave this table may we carry with us a taste of the inherent worth and dignity of every person offering the same to all we meet. Amen.**

**\*HYMN Purple 700**

*I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Higher Ground"*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

### 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 Lorring, 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 Tina Shafer.

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 Jean Simmons.

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

8/3 Sunday Worship 10:00am  
8/5 Staff Meeting 11:00am  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm  
8/7 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
8/9 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

### BIRTHDAYS

8/5 Judy Thompson  
8/5 Angie Shafer  
8/9 Barry Newlin

### ANNIVERSARIES

8/6 Barry & Amy Newlin

### 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 **Canned Fruit and Laundry Pods** for the month of **August**. 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.

Service Credits  
CCLI Number: 6212519  
August 3

Gathering music: *O Lamb of God All Holy*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *The Trumpet of Faith*. Composed by Edward Broughton. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*. Purple 517. Tune: Morecambe. Composed by Frederick Cook Atkinson (1870). Words by Horatius Bonar (1855). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*I Am the Bread of Life*. Purple 522. Tune: I Am the Bread. Composed by Suzanne Toolan (1966). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me*. Purple 700. African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum (1984). Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.  
Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Special Music: Megan Shroyer. *How Can I Say Thanks*. Tune: My Tribute. Composed by Andre Crouch.

Communion: *Jesus Is All the World to Me*. Composed by Will L. Thompson. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2009 by Lorenz Publishing Co. CCLI number: 3182714

*He Touched Me*. Composed by William J. Gaither. © 1963 by William J. Gaither. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 13972

Offertory: *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal*. Composed by F. R. Warren. Arr. by Gilbert M. Martin. © 2015 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 322330

Postlude: *Postlude on "Higher Ground."* Composed by Charles H. Gabriel. Arr. by Marilyn Thompson. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co.