



August 17, 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

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Praise and Worship  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Barbara Hendershot for providing our music this morning.  
Picnic next Sunday at Pangborn Park

## PRELUDE

*Across the Skies*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ!  
Each one of us experiences faith and life in a unique way.  
**Yet we have one God, one faith, and one baptism, and one Spirit who unites us all.**  
Let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer, and in listening for God's word.  
**Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves, and renews us. Amen.**

## \*HYMN GG 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise your holy name. Forgive us that we too often forget faith and are unappreciative while your goodness surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways; through the grace of Jesus Christ and power of your Spirit. Amen.

## If You Believe and I Believe 127

The musical score is written for a choir in G major, 8/8 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray, the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free; the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free.' The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, D7, G, C, D, G; C, D7, G, C, D, G; Bm, Am, D, Am, G; D7, G, C, D7, G, C, D7, G.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray,  
the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free,  
and set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free;  
the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:15-21

Lector: Rae Smith

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your God. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick. Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Lector: Rae Smith

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Called to be a Cloud

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN GG 250**

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

**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.

## OFFERTORY

*Gabriel's Oboe*

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP (unison)

Bounteous God, you have offered us the fullness of life in Christ; you have invited us to the feast of rejoicing. We thank you for seeking us out on the roadways of life and call us to participate in your will and ways. Bless us and these our gifts of life that they strengthen your Beloved Community in this world. Amen.

## \*HYMN GG 313

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

## \*BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God go before you.  
May God's grace and peace abound.  
May God's spirit live within you,  
May God's love wrap you 'round.  
May God's blessing remain with you always,  
May you walk on holy ground. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*Mine Eyes Have Seen (Battle Hymn of the Republic)*  
Dedicated to David S. Emmert, Barb Hendershot's father

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

## CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

## ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK NEXT SUNDAY AT 10:00AM

Get ready for our annual Picnic in the Park Service. Next Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am, Pangborn Park East Pavilion. Zion will provide Fried Chicken and Drinks. Bring your friends, your favorite dessert, or a side dish. Better yet – Bring All Three!  
See you there.

## COME FOR A HALOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT

October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Claire-Marie Moblard and Byron Stay will dazzle us with music featuring many pieces from the archives of spooky organ tracks. Admission is free.  
Please RSVP by calling the church office or responding to this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-organ-concert-tickets-1545147611099?aff=oddtcreator>.

## HOME COMMUNION

Pastor Scott would love for our circle of communion love to include those who aren't able to easily attend worship. Two requests. One - Please let him know if you would like to receive home communion and please let him know if you have a family member or friend who would. Two - please volunteer to be on a team who delivers the communion. Ideally, two disciples from Zion will go out together. Pastor Scott will provide training. Please contact Pastor Scott or the church office if you are interested.

## JONATHAN HAGER WEEK

250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration & Memorial of Jonathan Hager's Death - November 1 – 8, 2025.

Zion is heavily involved with this memorial and recognition of Jonathan Hager. Go to [hager250.org](http://hager250.org) for information about the week's activities. Please check this web site regularly for updates.

### 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, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Myra Creammitt, Donna France, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, Beth Hauver, Jim Hatfield, **Brett Hendershot**, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Lorelei Loccisano (daughter of Becky Sager Loccisano and granddaughter of Carroll Sager), Mary Lorfing, 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), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Angie Schaff, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Cheryl (sister of Colleen Rafferty), Thelma Summers, Margaret Wagner, Eric Wolbring, and Angela Yamashita.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Rae Smith.

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 Barb Ware.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, and Rick Waters.

8/17 Sunday Worship 10:00am

8/19 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Lighthouse After School Steering Committee meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

8/21 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Visit Hagerstown Bus Tour 4:30pm

### BIRTHDAYS

8/17 Megan Shroyer

8/22 Rae Smith

8/23 Daniel Livingston

### ANNIVERSARIES

8/23 Carol and Randy Schultz

### 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**.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

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In the Bulb There is a Flower. Purple 250. Tune: Promise. Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth, 1986. © 1986 Hope Publishing Company. Performed by Barbara Henderson (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lord, Make Us More Holy. Purple 313. African Spiritual. Performed by Barbara Henderson (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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