



August 24, 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

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want  
God Is My Shepherd  
My Shepherd Is the Living God*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Hymn to Hope*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come together, joining hands and hearts.

**Let our hands be links of chain which hold our lives together. Not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength, a ribbon of love and faith and community.**

Giving us slack to sail the wind yet holding us in a mystical embrace.

**That we may be alone but never lonely. That we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.**

**Come together, joining hands and hearts.**

Let the spirit of God flow in and among us all, that we may worship with the power of God's love, and be renewed in body, mind and spirit.

**Amen and Alleluia.**

### \*HYMN (see insert)

*Here I Am Lord*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of children, God of joy, God of love, we come to worship hungry,  
hungry for the Good News, hungry for forgiveness.

We come needing to confess our sins before you.

We sadly share the times we chose not to love this week.

We did not love our neighbors who were left out –

those not picked for games,

those not fed a good meal,

those not offered your grace.

We confess the times we did not love you, God.

We were too often too busy with our own stuff.

We confess the times we did not love ourselves

forgetting that we need to breathe the fresh air of your world,

walk under your trees, smell the fresh flowers of your love.

Hear us God for we are sorry and eager to know of your steadfast love. Amen.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Good News is that God forgives us all, loving us always.  
God gives us Jesus Christ to be living water and true bread.  
Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life. Amen.

## CHORAL REFRAIN

I'm gon-na sing\* when the Spir - it says sing. I'm gon-na  
sing when the Spir - it says sing. I'm gon-na sing when the  
Spir - it says sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

\*2 pray 3 cry 4 shout

## SCRIPTURE John 15:9-17

Lector: Barb Ware

As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept God's commandments and abide in God's love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my God. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

## SERMON Stand in Love

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

## \*HYMN (see insert)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer Requests

Response for concern: **Holy Spirit our Comforter, receive our prayer.**

Response for joys: **With thanksgiving, we praise you God.**

## 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

*There Is a Redeemer*

### \*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 DEDICATION (in unison)

God, who gave us birth, with dramatic flair you have created your people  
with a diversity of color and language and spiritual gifts.  
And with holy humor, you have made us tall and short, with many colored eyes  
to serve you in partnership and possibility,  
Thank you for your call in our lives.  
We now respond with the gifts of our lives and the hope of our hearts.  
We pray in the name of a Living Christ. Amen

### \*HYMN (see insert)

*Let All Things Now Living*

## BENEDICTION

“As a mother comforts her child, so God will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13)  
Go now in the comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us.  
Go in the assurance that the Comforter is with us always. Go to give comfort and peace to others.  
**Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth on Her paths of peace.**  
**May She give us blessings more precious than silver or Gold** (Proverbs 3:13-15, 17)  
**May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others.**  
**May Wisdom empower us to change our world. Amen.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE



1. Love, love, love, love; the Gos - pel in a word is Love.  
2. Peace, peace, peace, peace; the Gos - pel in a word is Peace.  
3. Joy, joy, joy, joy; the Gos - pel in a word is Joy.  
4. Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ; the Gos - pel in a word is Christ.



Love your neigh - bor as your\_ bro - ther: Love, love, love.  
Peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing: Peace, peace, peace.  
Joy that fills to ov - er - flow - ing: Joy, joy, joy.  
Love Him, serve Him, and a - dore Him: Christ, Christ, Christ.

## POSTLUDE

*Ashokan Farewell*

## PRAYER BEFORE THE MEAL (in unison)

Bless, O Lord,  
This food to our use  
And us to thy service,  
And keep us ever mindful  
Of the needs of others.  
In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

## 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, **Eddie Barr**, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, 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, Mary Lorfing, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), **The family of 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, **Randy Waters**, **Rick Waters' brother**. Eric Wolbring, Angela Yamashita, and **Barry Yinling**.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

The lector this week is Barb Ware.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, and Rick Waters.

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR**

The lector for next week is Rick Waters.

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, and Barb Ware.

8/24 Annual Picnic in the Park Sunday Worship 10:00am

8/26 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

### **BIRTHDAYS**

8/25 Felicity Gohlmann

8/27 Peggy Roscoe

8/28 Missie LaBombard

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

8/24 Susan and Burnie Clutz

### **CHOIR COOKOUT**

All Choir members and anyone interested in joining the choir are invited to Pastor Scott's house for a cookout on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Pastor Scott's address is 9057 Myersville Rd. Myersville, MD.

### **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.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm, will be our first Choir practice for the season.

**Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>** we return to our winter hours. Our service will return to 11:00am on Sunday mornings. Children's and Adult Sunday School, and children's choir practice will also resume on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** is our Annual Resource Fair at 2:00pm.

## COME FOR A HALLOWEEN 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>.

## 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.

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Gathering Music: The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll Not Want. Jessie Seymour Irvine. Chester Music and Novello & Co. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

God is my Shepherd. Scottish Psalter 1650. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

My Shepherd is the Living God. Thomas Sternhold. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Prelude: Hymn to Hope. Rolf Lovland. Copyright 1997 Universal Music. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Hymns: Here I Am Lord. Glory to God 69. Daniel L. Schutte (1981). Copyright 1981 OCP Publications. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. Glory to God 366. Charles Wesley, 1747. Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Let All Things Now Living. Glory to God 37. Katherine K. Davis 1939. Welsh folk melody, Gerald H. Knight, 20<sup>th</sup> century. M Copyright 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company and Royal School of Church Music. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

Offertory: There is a Redeemer. Green-Sievrigh. CCLI 11483. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.

Postlude: Ashokan Farewell. Jay Unger. Copyright 1982 Swinging Door Music. Performed by Barbara Hendershot.