



August 31, 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

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Concerto I

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day / Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday

PRELUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the light of the morning, God created life.

And it was very good.

In the heat of the day, God created work.

And it was very good.

In the cool of the evening, God created rest.

And it was very good.

Let us celebrate the rhythms of life.

Let us celebrate the rhythms of God.

Let our worship begin.

Alleluia and Amen.

*HYMN Purple 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER OF HOPE

We are the gifted and beloved children of God, and we give thanks.

With gratitude we offer our unfinished selves to God.

Holy God, we confess how often we blur your image in our lives. You call us to enjoy the work of our hands; instead, we fret and worry. You offer us the fragrant Bread of Life; instead, we grasp the anxious bread of toil. Forgive us, Lord. Unwind us, unbend us, unsettle us. And recreate us as channels of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHORAL REFRAIN



1	Give	us	light;	give	us	light;	give	us	light,	O	Lord.
2	Give	us	life;	give	us	life;	give	us	life,	O	Lord.
3	Grant	us	peace;	grant	us	peace;	grant	us	peace,	O	Lord.
4	Save	us	now;	save	us	now;	save	us	now,	O	Lord.
5	Give	us	grace;	give	us	grace;	give	us	grace,	O	Lord.

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Turn, O God! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC Barbara Hendershot and Amber Nilson

Hymn Medley

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

Lector: Rick Waters

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So, we can say with confidence, "Adonai is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Listen to what the Spirit teaches us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Prosperous Hands

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN** Purple 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude (Nun Bitten Wir)

***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 this moment draw me to yourself, Lord, and make me aware not so much of what I've given as of all that I have received and so have yet to share. Send me forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what I pray and profess, that in sharing, I may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy myself, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.

Ted Loder

*HYMN Black 377

Forward Through the Ages

*BENEDICTION

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the magi are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
The real work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoners
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among brothers
To make music in the heart. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Finale (from Symphony No. 3)

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:

Eddie Barr, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, 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, **Dorothea and Christina Loser, friends of Barb and Charley Ware**, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Kevin Naylor, Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **Amber Roman (friend of Missie LaBombard)**, Angie Schaff, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Cheryl (sister of Colleen Rafferty), **The family of Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Eric Wolbring, Angela Yamashita, and Barry Yinling.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Rick Waters.

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 Barb Hendershot.

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

- 8/31 Sunday Worship 10:00am
- 9/1 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 9/2 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 9/4 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 9/6 Choir Cookout at Pastor Scott's house 6:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Kevin Munroe
- 9/1 Lauren Gerhart

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Our **Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **Pancake Mix** for the month of **September**. We are also in need of **empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes**.

Micah's Backpack is collecting **Vienna Sausages** for the month of **September**.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

CHOIR COOKOUT

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

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

COME FOR A HALLOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT

October 26th 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>.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

Saturday, September 6th at 6:00pm, Choir Cookout t Pastor Scott's house.

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

Wednesday, September 9th is our Annual Resource Fair at 2:00pm.

MUMMER'S PARADE SEATS GOING ON SALE

The Mummer's Parade is on October 25th at 6pm. Zion members can purchase seats from September 8-22nd before they are available to the public. The cost for the seats on the street is \$7 and the wall seats are \$6. Please contact the church office to purchase tickets. And please tell all your friends and family. We hope to sell all of our seats!!

FOUNDER'S WEEK

Commemorating 250 Years of Jonathan Hager's Legacy.

- October 25th- Float in Mummer's Parade
- October 31st- Final Ghost tours at Hager House
- November 1st- Guided Walking Tours/Open Houses, including Zion from 12:00 to 4:00 pm
- November 2nd - Worship at Zion; Homecoming Celebration. Please let Pastor Scott if you are willing help!
- November 3rd - Hager's Forgotten Patriot Legacy Talk - Matt Penrod - Washington County Library 6pm - 7:30pm
- November 4 - From Hager's Roots to Yours - 7 - 8:30 pm "Join Carol Miller-Schultz at Christ's Reformed for a hands-on session designed to help you begin your family tree. Bring along names, dates, and places related to your parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to get started on uncovering your roots."
- November 5th - "The Man, The Myth, The Legend" A discussion at Zion on the debated and unsolved mysteries of Jonathan Hager.
- November 6th- Jonathan Hager Celebration of Life- A 250th Commemoration, 6-8pm at Zion. Followed by a graveyard tour and taps by Byron Stay.
- November 7th - Zion Reformed Graveyard Tour - to be given by the Hager Celebration Planning Team of Parks & Rec.

Please check out [the official website](#) for details about the week's activities.

We Need Your Help!

Can you recall previous members we should invite and to research gravestones and identify descendants of those in the cemetery to invite for our November 2nd Homecoming Worship?

Do you have an ancestor buried in the sacred grounds of the Zion Reformed UCC on Potomac Street in Hagerstown, MD?

We will need volunteers to help with the reception that will be part of the events at Zion. Please see Becky Hohman or Carol Mooers if you are able to help, for one or several of these events:

- November 1st - Open House from 12 to 4 pm
- November 2nd - Reception after the Homecoming Church Service
- November 5th - - "The Man, The Myth, The Legend" - Simple Reception
- November 6th - Make sure to attend this wonderful celebration

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 7

On September 7th, our worship service time moves back to at 11am and our Sunday School will start at 9:45am. Join us for a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast from 9:15-9:45am.

We will also be blessing the backpacks during the service – if you are a student, teacher, administrator, helper, etc. bring your backpack so we can pray for you and bless you as you begin the school year.

RESOURCE FAIR – SEPTEMBER 9

The 3rd Annual Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 9th from 3 -5pm in Zion's chapel. Local agencies will be on hand to help folks connect with support programs available in our community. This is a free and open to the public event. Tell your friends!

Strong hands and backs are needed on September 7th after worship to set up tables for the Community Resource Fair and again on September 14th to take the tables down.

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Gathering music: Concerto I. Composed by J. S. Bach/Vivaldi. © 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 Heavens Declare the Glory of God. Composed by Benedetto Marcello. © 1947 by Mercury Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Crown Him with Many Crowns. Purple 267. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George J. Elvey (1868). Words by Matthew Bridges (1851). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us. Purple 280. Tune: Ebenezer. Composed by Thomas John Williams (1890). Words by Janie Alford. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Forward Through the Ages. Black 377. Tune: St. Gertrude. Composed by Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1908). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Special music: Hymn Medley. Performed by Amber Nilson and Barb Hendershot.

Offertory: Chorale Prelude (Nun Bitten Wir). Composed by Dietrich Buxtehude. © 1947 by Mercury Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Finale (from Symphony No. 3). Composed by Camille Saint-Saens. Arr. by Albert Zabel. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.