

# Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday



September 7, 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

*Hymn Medley on harpsichord*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

## \*HYMN Purple 634

*To God Be the Glory*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.**

**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.

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 12, NRSV

Lector: Barb Hendershot

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Claire Marie Moblard

*Prelude in D Major*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**SCRIPTURE** Philippians 4:4-7, NRSV

Lector: Barb Hendershot

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Be Cool to the Pizza Dude

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN** Purple 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Fount*

## \*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.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sweet Creator, as we present these offerings before you, we surrender our hearts in gratitude. May our gifts be a reflection of our thankfulness for your abundant blessings. Teach us to give with joy, knowing that everything comes from you. Alleluia and Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love. And so, in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is your son, O God, our savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey.

As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. And hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught....

## 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.**

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Amazing Grace*

## UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Loving Creator, in the midst of chaos and uncertainty, we seek the wisdom to devote our hearts and minds to promoting justice and peace. Guide us, God, towards a path that fosters harmony among nations and communities. May we strive relentlessly to uplift marginalized voices and be catalysts for change in building a just and equitable society. Through Your divine grace, help us remain steadfast in our commitment to serve others selflessly. Amen.

\*HYMN Black 25

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\*BENEDICTION

Leap and sing for joy! God's promises are true.  
Our limitations are overcome in Christ.  
**We join the chorus of praise and thanksgiving,  
for gladness reigns in place of sorrow.**  
We have been saved and equipped to serve.  
God gives us strength to triumph over fear.  
**Jesus Christ, the One sent from God,  
has set us free to love everyone.**  
**We will invite others to join us on God's paths,  
and to rejoice in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Recessional on "Come, Labor On"*

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, 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 Lorring, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **Carroll Sager**, 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 Barb Hendershot.

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 Burnie Clutz.

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

- 9//7 Pancake Breakfast 9:15 -9:45am  
Adult Sunday School 9:45am  
Middle/Senior High Class 9:45am  
Sunday Worship 11:00am
- 9/8 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm  
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 9/9 Staff Meeting 11:00am  
HARC Monthly Meeting 12:30pm  
Community Resource Fair 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 9/10 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- 9/11 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 9/12 Newsletter article deadline

### BIRTHDAYS

- 9/9 Margaret Wagner
- 9/10 Bob Barnhart
- 9/10 Frances Sweigert

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/8 Brandie & Eric Burchard

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting Canned Vegetables 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.

**Resource Fair** – 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.

**Mummer's Parade** Seats Going on Sale. The Mummer's Parade is on October 25th at 6pm. Zion members can purchase seats from September 8-22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost for the seats on the street are \$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!!

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

Today we kick off **SUNDAY SCHOOL SEASON**, with our Annual Pancake Breakfast before church. 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.

### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:15 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, kitchen and Chapel.
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School Class
- 9:45 Middle/High School Sunday School – 9/7 & 9/21 in the Youth Room.  
Young Adult Class/Bible Study – 9/14 & 9/28 at 9:45am Location TBD
- 10:15 Children's Choir in the Music Room.
- 10:45 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary and virtually at [www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive)
- 12:00 Fellowship

### Young Adult Bible Study

We are beginning a Young Adult Bible Study at 9:45am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. This alternates with our Youth Bible Study which is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. If you have young children, there is Children's Sunday School at the same time. No prior Bible knowledge needed; we will be following a video-based curriculum called Animate.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### GENEALOGY CLASS

How many of your ancestors can you name? Are you curious about your family's history?

In preparation for the Homecoming Worship Service at *Zion United Church of Christ* on Sunday, November 2, 2025, I'll be offering a genealogy class for anyone interested in exploring their Zion connections. Even if your ancestors never passed through the doors of Zion, I would be delighted to help you on your family history journey! The class will be offered in a hybrid format—you may join either in person or via Zoom—on Thursday, September 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Zion Church (301 739-7244 or [pastorwinnette@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwinnette@gmail.com)) to reserve a spot.

Carol Miller-Schultz, Genealogy Researcher

### END OF LIFE PLANNING PROGRAM

Make plans to join us on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:45- 2pm to learn more about end-of-life planning. A light lunch will be provided. You don't have to be old to attend (that's the meaning of PLANNING!) There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel.

### 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.

Service Credits  
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September 7

Gathering music: Hymn medley on harpsichord. Performed by C. M. Moblard (harpsichordist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.* Composed by George J. Elvey. Arr. by Mary McDonald. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

Hymns: *To God Be the Glory.* Purple 634. Composed by William Howard Doane (1875). Words by Fanny Jane Crosby (1875). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Fairest Lord Jesus.* Purple 630. Tune: Crusaders' Hymn. Silesian folk melody. Text: Munster Gesangbuch (1677). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past.* NCH 25. Tune: St. Anne. Composed by William Craft (1708). Words by Isaac Watts (1719). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Special music: *Prelude in D Major.* Composed by Frederic Chopin. © 1992 by Alfred Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount.* Composed by John Wyeth. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. © 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: *Amazing Grace.* Arr. by Mark Hayes.

*My Tribute.* Composed by Andre Crouch. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 1971 by Bud John Songs. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Recessional on "Come, Labor On."* Composed by Tertius Noble. Arr. by John S. Dixon. © 2022 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.