



September 14, 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.*

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## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Sixteen Variations in d minor*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God made the world: made it and mothered it, shaped it and fathered it,  
filled it with seeds and signs of fertility, filled it with love and its folk with ability. All that is  
green, blue, deep and growing,

**God's is the hand that created you.**

All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious,

**God's is the hand that created you.**

All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

**God's is the hand that created you.**

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silent,

**God's is the hand that created you.**

All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

**God's is the hand that created you.**

All of us who come together seeking unity & justice, with shared values and energies.

**God's is the hand that created you.**

The world belongs to the Lord.

**The earth and all its people are God's. Amen and Alleluia!**

## \*HYMN Black 21

*God Reigns O'er All the Earth*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. We have grown comfortable with the mundane and suspicious of the spectacular.  
We work and see in it little purpose. We play and see in it little pleasure.

We fret and see in it little point. We give and see too little joy. Startle us, we pray, with truth that will  
shake us, and with love that will not let us go. Startle us, we pray, with an extravagant generosity closer  
to your own. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silence for personal confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In love, we are created in God's Image.

**And in mercy, we are forgiven when we blur that image.**

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## 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** Philippians 4:4-7, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Burnie Clutz

Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 15:1-11, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Burnie Clutz

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the "sinners" were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, "This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!" Jesus then addressed this parable to them: "Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn't leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it's found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, 'Rejoice with me! I've found my lost sheep!' I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent. "What householder, who has ten silver pieces and loses one, doesn't light a lamp and sweep the house in a diligent search until she finds what she had lost? And when it is found, the householder calls in her friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me! I've found the silver piece I lost!' I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Joy in God's House

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN** Black 412

*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

## **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**

*Rise, O Children of Salvation*

### **\*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 COMMITMENT (in unison)**

God of unsearchable mystery and light,  
your weakness is greater than our strength,  
your foolishness brings all our cleverness to naught,  
your gentleness confounds the power we would claim.  
You call first to be last and last to be first,  
servant to be leader and ruler to be underling of all.  
Pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Word and Spirit,  
that we may know your purpose and live to your glory. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Purple 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## BENEDICTION

God of Yesterday,  
we knew you then:  
your promises; your words;  
your walking among us.

But yesterday is gone.  
And so, today, we are in need of change.  
Change and change us.  
Help us see life now  
not through yesterday's stories  
but through today's.

With the hope of  
God who creates,  
Christ who saves,  
And the Holy Spirit,  
who advocates and guides. Amen.

*(Selection from "Prayers in Times of Change" by Padraig O'Tauma)*

Go in peace, and live the church.  
May you find belonging and community this week. Amen.

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Sing in English 2 times then in Hebrew 2 times

*Shalom Chaverim*

## 540 Farewell, Good Friends! *Shalom, chaverim!*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is divided into two systems. The first system contains 8 measures, with lyrics underneath. The second system begins with a measure rest marked '4', followed by 7 measures, also with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Dm, Gm, and C7 in the first system; Dm, Gm, A7, and Dm in the second system. Asterisks (\*) are placed above the first, fourth, and seventh measures of the first system.

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Sha-lom, sha -  
Sha-lom, cha - ve - rim! Sha-lom, cha - ve - rot! Sha-lom, sha -

lom! Till we meet a - gain, till we meet a - gain, shalom, sha-lom.  
lom! Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, shalom, sha-lom.

## POSTLUDE

*Processional on an Old English Melody - The Sacred Harp*

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, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Mary Lorfing, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), 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), **Traci Van Vogelpoel**, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Eric Wolbring, Angela Yamashita, and Barry Yinling.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Burnie Clutz.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Lisa Saum, and Jean Simmons.

This week's Children's Church leader is Kristin Joy.

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Calvin Livingston.

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, and John Schnebly.

- 9//14 Adult Sunday School 9:45am
- Young Adult Class/Bible Study 9:45am
- Children's Sunday School 9:45am
- Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
- Sunday Worship 11:00am
- 9/16 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Lighthouse After School Steering Committee 12:00pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 9/17 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- Youth Fellowship 6:00pm
- 9/18 Maryland Food Bank Regional Gathering 10:00am – Chapel
- United Way Day of Caring 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm
- Genealogy Class – Carol Schultz 7:00pm
- 9/20 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

## BIRTHDAYS

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| 9/15 Naomi Brackett | 9/18 Barbara Hendershot |
| 9/15 Kara Hoover    | 9/19 Bryn Nilson        |

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEARNING OPTIONS

### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:45 Adult Sunday School – In-person and Zoom  
Children's Sunday School Class  
Middle/High School Sunday School – First and Third Sundays - in the Youth Room (9/7 & 9/21)  
Young Adult Class/Bible Study – Second and Fourth Sundays - Location TBD (9/14 & 9/28)
- 10:15 Children's Choir in the Music Room.
- 10:35 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.

Service Credits  
CCLI Number: 6212519  
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Gathering music: Sixteen Variations in d minor. Composed by Johan Pachelbel. © by Belwin-Mills.  
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Hymns: God Reigns O'er All the Earth. NCH 20. Tune: Terra Beatta. Traditional English melody. Words by Jane Parker Huber (1981). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way. NCH 412. Tune: Dundee. From the Scottish Psalter (1615). Words by William Cowper (1773). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

When Morning Gilds the Skies. Purple 667. Tune: Laudis Domini. Composed by Joseph Barnby (1868). Old German text. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace. Composed by C. M. Moblard.

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