



October 5, 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.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We offer our thanks to thee...
In a world divided by color bars,
 how sweet a thing it is to know
 that in thee we all belong to one family.
There are times when we...
 weep tears that are not loud but deep,
 when we think of the suffering we experience.
We come to thee, our only hope and refuge.
Help us, O God, to refuse to be embittered
 against those who handle us with harshness.
 We are grateful to thee
 for the gift of laughter at all times.
Save us from hatred of those who oppress us.
May we follow the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ

Bantu

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Darwall's Fantasia

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children/Youth Halloween Party at the Farm
Parade Float help

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Duke Street."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.
How good and how lovely it is
To live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent
These very stones would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN Purple 826

Lift High the Cross

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison)

Forgive us, O God for taking for granted the gifts of our lives.
Forgive us, O God for failing to give gifts to others.
Forgive us, O God for closing our hearts to strangers.
Forgive us, O God for looking back instead of moving forward.
Come now and change us, so that we might change the world.
We pray in the power of Jesus' name. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE Purple 79, Verse 1.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

**Light dawn on a weary world
When eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawn on a weary world:
The promised day to justice comes.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-4

Lector: Amber Nilson

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

We Gather at This Table by Ann V. Ostenso

ANTHEM

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:5-10

Lector: Amber Nilson

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;

it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.
No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and those the Lord has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

SERMON Beloved Community

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN Purple 522**

I Am the Bread of Life

CELEBRATING WORLD COMMUNION

This liturgy, like this table, is shared by many people and many congregations. On World Communion Sunday, we especially acknowledge our beautiful diversity as part of God's creation and our unity in the Body of Christ. Let us draw near to one another as we come to Christ's Table.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to come together at this table. Across political lines and economic lines, in places of powerfully protected affluence, and among the poorest of the poor, together we share a meal.

A meal of sourdough, rye, tortillas, crackers, wafers, white or wheat bread. A feast enjoying different juices or wines shared in simple cups, pottery chalices, or wine glasses. And yet through God's power this diverse meal unites us as one people – people remembering and celebrating the One who showed us peace is possible.

In solidarity with Christ at this table, the evil structures of this world are transformed. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your prayers, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are welcome, and all are celebrated.

Holy God, One of many names and faces, we thank you for the light and the darkness, for the division of the waters and dry land. We thank you for creating us in your image, to live connected with love, to see you in others to stretch from this table in this room across land and sea.

Moses revealed your vision in commandments and your people nurtured them in exile. Your prophets unleashed cries for justice and still the earth rains, blows, burns, and cries for peace. Through long generations we have ebbled and flowed with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal.

We ask for your forgiveness and grace again and again. In the most beautiful and most oppressive of times, You still called us beloved.

Today we celebrate the gift of this table. We gather today, knowing that the table draws us closer to God, and closer to one another. We gather to commune as beloved friends; holding close to the story of Jesus. Jesus came as human and divine. To heal and encourage; to protect and nurture; to cultivate and guide. Jesus gathered with friends and crowds; on mountain tops and in murky waters; on boats and at tables.

Jesus came so we may know God.

In his final week, Jesus said goodbye to his disciples and friends. He gathered them in a room for a final meal. In remembrance of him, we gather in covenant with communities across the globe. And for the love of him, we gather in spirit with all the saints.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Holy God, Creator of milk and honey, of wheat and grapes, over time this table has been a symbol of restoration and community, a call to remembrance. Bless this time in celebration. Draw us into thanksgiving for the gift of receiving your holy welcome and the powerful memory of the justice work of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Blessed Assurance
There Is a Balm in Gilead*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One help us realize that our Christianity is like a rice field:
when it is newly-planted, the paddies are prominent;
but as the plants take root and grow taller,
these dividing paddies gradually vanish
and soon there appears one vast continuous field.
So, give us roots of love
and make us grow in Christian fellowship and service,
so that your will be done in our lives.
Through Jesus Your Beloved, Amen.

Philippine farmer's prayer

CALL TO THE OFFERTORY

As I do each week, I invite you now to present your gifts. Through your offering and the things your gifts make possible, you are lights to the world, shining brightly and pointing toward the incredible power of compassion, justice, and faith. Let us give with joyful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Ritornello on "Come, Thou Almighty King"

***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 unison)**

God of many great and wonderful gifts, you have taught us to give by giving us so much. From the first day of creation, you have given us a world to share and your ever-present Spirit to delight in it. Receive this offering with our love and hope. Empower those who will use it to serve a multitude of others. To you be the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN Purple 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

***BENEDICTION**

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can. - John Wesley

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

The asterisk () indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.
The **BOLDFACE** indicate when the congregation is invited to speak in unison.*

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, 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), **George & Mary Pietsch** (Rae's daughter and son-in-law), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), **David Ridenour**, Wells Ridenour, Angie Schaff, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, **Mary Stann** (friend of Kim Ridenour), Cheryl (sister of Colleen Rafferty), Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), **Christel, Christoph, and Anja Wolbring** (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, Angela Yamashita, and Barry Yingling.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Amber Nilson.

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 Rich Owens.

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

Next week's Children's Church leader is Susie Clutz.

10/6 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
10/7 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
10/8 Hager 250th Meeting 11:00am
Potluck and Study 6:00pm
10/9 Choir Practice 5:30pm
10/11 Easy-cise Class 9:00am 10/12 Adult Sunday School 9:45am
10/12 Young Adult Class/Bible Study 9:45am
Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
Children's Church 11:00am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Congregational Meeting 12:00pm
End of Life Planning 12:45pm

BIRTHDAYS

10/10 James McDonald
10/12 Beth Hauver

ANNIVERSARIES

10/9 Ruth & John Dwyer
10/9 Margaret & Scott Richardson
10/11 Mary & Chris Emmert

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Canned Soup for the month of October. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Single Serve Pasta Meals (Spaghetti O's, Mac & Cheese, Etc.) for the month of October.

Mummer's Parade Seats are now on Sale. The Mummer's Parade is on October 25th at 6pm. The cost for the seats on the street are \$7 each and the wall seats are \$6 each. 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will hold a Congregational Meeting on October 12th immediately following worship to vote on our Strategic Plan.

END OF LIFE PLANNING PROGRAM

Make plans to join us on Sunday, October 12th 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 AT THE FARM

Join Pastor Scott, for a Halloween Party he will be hosting, for our children's and youth groups, at his farm in Myersille on October 18th at 4:00pm. Here will be s'mores and hot dogs at the campfire.

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.

EASY-CISE CLASS

Join us at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month for our Easy-cise Class. "Easy-cise" is a resistance-based fitness class that helps with core and arm workouts designed for beginners, those with limited mobility, or anyone who prefers seated exercises.

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 Students Sunday School – First and Third Sundays of the month- in the Youth Room
Young Adult Class/Bible Study – Second and Fourth Sundays of the month- Location TBD
- 10:30 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
Children's Church – every other week
- 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.

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Prelude: Fanfare on "Duke Street." Composed by John Hatton. Arr. by John S. Dixon. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Lift High the Cross. Purple 826. Tune: Crucifer. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916). Words by George William Kitchin (1887). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I Am the Bread of Life. Purple 522. Words and Music Composed by Suzanne Toolan, RSM 1966. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ. Purple 526. Jamaican Fold Melody adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975. Words by Fred Kaan, 1975. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: Wonderful Grace of Jesus. Written by Hador Lullenas, 1918. Performed by Zion Choir, Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Offertory: Ritornello on "Come, Thou Almighty King. Composed by Felice de Giardini. Arr. by John Dixon. © Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: Blessed Assurance. Composed by Phoebe P. Knapp.

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