



October 12, 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Canzonetta in C Major

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting
Halloween Party and Organ Concert

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and join in the feast of the Lord.
We are hungry.
Come and join in the miracles of the Lord.
We are doubtful.
Come and join in the community of the Lord.
We are ready to face our fears to participate in God's miracles. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 839

Blessed Assurance

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Every gift matters. In today's scripture, it was one small gift of a child that inspired a miracle. We forget that every gift matters. We forget what God can do with small gifts. Let us draw near to God, so that we can remember.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we know that we are called to generosity, and yet, we so often fall into the trap of scarcity. Like the disciples, we are sure that there just isn't enough. Calm our anxious spirits. Tune our hearts to see those small gifts already being shared. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God did not rest until the generosity and abundance were felt by all. God will not rest until we are all redeemed, restored and fulfilled. Be assured of God's miraculous love and grace. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

And Can It Be vs. 1 & 3

1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's love?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Praise the Beloved, Heart of all hearts!
We are blessed as we sing praises to the Beloved;
For as we give ourselves to love, so we receive Love.
The Beloved abides in our heart, in every open heart that welcomes Love.

Through Love we are sent to the brokenhearted, a mutual balm to the soul.
We seek out the downtrodden, those without shelter or food,
recognizing our own poverty with them.

Those in prison also await willing hearts to visit them,
that forgiveness might free all from bondage.

Listen to what the Spirit is Teaching.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ancient Words

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Barb Hendershot

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-14

Lector: Rich Owens

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.
And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.
And the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.
Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, this is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Barley Blessings

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN Purple 523**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There were many small miracles in the large miracle of feeding five thousand people. One of those small miracles was the generosity of the first child to offer their loaves and fish. They shared what they had so that others might have enough. One small gift, one big miracle. When we share our gifts, we inspire others to do the same, and we become part of God's dream to make sure all are fed.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

*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)

Gracious God, you have performed miracles and set a table before us. You have brought us together into one community, making sure we have enough. Today, we offer these gifts as our commitment to work and dream with you. We pray that you can use them to realize your dream in which all are known, all are loved, and all fed. In your name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN Purple 611

Joyful, Joyful

*BENEDICTION

Let this worship be a small gift to you that gets multiplied out into the world.
Share the love you have received here today and watch as God expands it.
Go in peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

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 MEETING FOLLOWED BY 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, **Becky Arnemann** (caretaker for the Keefer family), Eddie Barr, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, **Family of Bill Christoffel**, 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, **Trish Lowman**, 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.

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.

YARN DONATION

We have a large amount of yarn that someone graciously donated for anyone who knits or crochets. If you enjoy making lap rugs, prayer shawls, washcloths, etc. please come to the office and help yourself.

FUNDRAISERS We have several fundraisers currently happening.

4-H Community Outreach project this fall is collecting new socks from October 5 – November 16th. The Leadership Club has challenged all the clubs to collect socks and the club with the most socks wins a Club Pizza party. Zion will you help the Downtown 4-H Club try to raise the most socks?

The Mummers Parade is right around the corner on October 25th. Zion has SEATS for Sale!!! This is a great fundraiser for our youth programs and outreach programs!! Please share that we are selling chairs!! We also need help setting up and putting away 300+ chairs!! We will setup chairs on Saturday, October 25th at 6 a.m. followed by breakfast for the whole chair team. Please contact Kim Ridenour or the church office 301-739-7244 for more information or to purchase seats.

No Concession Stand at Zion this year. (We are busy with a float in the parade and 250th Anniversary Celebration of Jonathan Hager on Nov 1-6. So, we are doing something a little different this year by having different Food Trucks joins us in our parking lot. This is another way for Zion to fundraise. Please come out and support us!!

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Rich Owens.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.
This week's Children's Church leader is Susie Clutz.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Wells Ridenour.

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

10/13 Newsletter Deadline
10/14 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
10/15 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
Youth Fellowship 6:00pm
10/16 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
10/19 Middle School/Senior High/Bible Study 9:45am
Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
Adult Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Halloween Party at the Pastor Scott's Farm 4:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

10/13 Ruth Dwyer
10/15 Max Delosier
10/15 Rob Grosh
10/19 Meagan Graff-Bohn

ANNIVERSARIES

10/13 Amber & Curtis Nilson

OPPORTUNITIES

HALLOWEEN AT THE FARM

Join Pastor Scott for a Halloween Party he is hosting for our children and youth groups at his farm in Myersville on October 19th at 4:00pm. There 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.

COSTUME PARADE

On October 26 during Sunday School the children will trick or treating at the various classrooms. Please bring a bag of candy, or something fun to hand out!! We can't wait to see all of you!!

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.

DO YOU WANT WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES FOR NEXT YEAR?

CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE NOV. 13th SO THEY CAN BE ORDERED.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
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Gathering music: *Canzonetta in C Major* (BuxWV 167) and *Ciacona in c minor* (BuxWV 159). Composed by Dietrich Buxtejude. ©1994 by Barenreiter-Verlag. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*. Composed by John Darwall. 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.

Hymns: *Blessed Assurance*. Purple 839. Tune: Assurance. Composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1873). Words by Fanny Crosby (1873). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

And Can It Be. Insert. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Now In the Days of Youth. Red 446. Tune: Diademata. Composed by John J. Elvey 191868). Words by Walter J. Mathams (1913). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Ancient Words*. Composed by Lynn DeShazo. Arr, by John Purifoy. © 2001 by Integrity's Hosanna! CCLI number: 2986399

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision*. Irish folk melody. Arr. by John S. Dixon. © 2022 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7211382

Postlude: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*. Composed by William H. Monk. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. © 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Motion 16: Children's Color and Murals: Rather than place durable children's musical instruments to the Church/Parsonage greenspace, we propose adding colorful mural elements to what we already have.

- 1) Repaint the Historic White Board adding children-themed color, and potentially visual cartoon graphics (mural elements) rendering aspect of the history (bell, Hager, etc.);



- 2) Add another panel on the rear side of the Historic White Board to continue the mural elements;
- 3) Colorfully paint the shed to continue the mural elements;



- 4) Paint to match the theme, one of the Lending Library Cabinets, mount it and keep it stocked with children's books;



- 5) Replace one of the Horizontal Sign panels on the main church sign with a child friendly message and a continuation of the color.
- 6) Chalk or paint (with City approval) hopscotch on Potomac sidewalks.



These efforts signal to the community Zion's love for children, families, all children of God. Adding the color and mural elements meets the goals and overarching components of the Plan.



Estimate – The City paid \$4,000. For this mural.