

October 19, 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

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

La Rejouissance

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit, open unto us
Open unto us—light for our darkness.
Open unto us—courage for our fear.
Open unto us—hope for our despair.
Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.
Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.
Open unto us—strength for our weakness.
Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.
Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.
Open unto us—love for our hates.
Open unto us—thy Self for ourselves.
God, God, open unto us! Amen.

Adapted from Howard Thurman

*HYMN Purple 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

PRAYER OF HOPE

God we seek a blessing from you this day. Yet, you make demands of us. You wrestle with our minds and memories. You force us to recall our sins of action and inaction this week. Help us bear the cost of remembering all that we have done and not done. We have not loved you first in our lives. Instead, our attention has been on the idols of our busyness. We have not loved our neighbors fully in our lives. Instead, our greater energies have served our own agendas. We turn now to the dark stories of our lives. Bless us that we keep turning until we see your face. Wrestle us into freedom. Name us anew.

Silence

DECLARATION OF PARDON

In love, we are created in God's Image.
And in mercy, we are forgiven when we blur that image.
Hear the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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 64:8

Lector: Wells Ridenour

Yet, Adonai, you are our God; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Listen to what the Spirit teaches us.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Am Bound for the Kingdom

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31

Lector: Wells Ridenour

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

SERMON Rising from Peniel

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN Purple 840**

When Peace Like a River

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The love of God is wide as the wind, and we are called to share this love as we move and shape the world through our gifts.

OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning

*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)

Blessed and Blessing God, we give You thanks. We offer to You the bounty of our lives, our gifts of heart, of wealth, of strength. Expand all that we are and have and bring Your will into the world. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION

We thank you, God,
for re-igniting the flame of hope within us,
for filling our hearts with love and evicting discord,
and for giving a new vision of your promise.
Go now, as love-bearers to a world of wounds,
Go now, as hope-carriers to a world in despair;
We go in the name of Christ,
in the love of God
and by the power of the Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

POSTLUDE

Prelude et Fugue

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.*

FELLOWSHIP

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.

DO YOU WANT WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES FOR NEXT YEAR?

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

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, **Vicki Krouse (friend of Barb Ware)**, Mary Lorfing, **Trish Lowman**, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), **Marissa Palmer, friend of Carol Schultz, 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour.

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jim Ridgley.

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

Next week's Children's Church leader is Jean Simmons.

10/21 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
10/22 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
10/23 Properties Team Meeting 1:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
10/25 Mummers Parade 6:00pm
10/26 Children's Costume Parade 9:45am
Adult Sunday School 9:45am
Young Adult Class/Bible Study 9:45am
Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
Children's Church 11:00am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Halloween Organ Concert 2:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

10/26 Angel Livingston
10/26 Beth McDonald
10/26 Julia Patterson
10/30 Nick Patterson
10/31 Toby Bell

ANNIVERSARIES

10/23 Jessica & Corey Green
10/31 Scott Winnette & Anthony Moscato

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!!

OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
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Gathering music: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*. Composed by Erneuerten Gesangbuch. Arr. by Callahan, Smith, and Micheelsen. © Augsburg 2000. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *La Rejouissance*. Composed by George Frideric Handel. Arr. by Sue Mitchell Wallace and John H. Head. © 1988 in *The Classical Wedding* by Hope Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (D trumpet) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. Purple 268. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George Job Elvey (1868). Words by Matthew Bridges (1851). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

When Peace Like a River. Purple 840. Tune: Ville Du Havre. Composed by Phillip P. Bliss (1876). Words by Horatio G. Spafford (1876). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lead On, O King Eternal! Purple 269. Tune: Lancashire. Composed by Henry Thomas Smart (1835). Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: *I Am Bound for the Kingdom*. Composed by Lloyd Larson. ©2014 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI number: 7024266

Offertory: *My Lord, What a Morning*. African American Spiritual. Arr. by Christina Harmon. © 1995 by Vivace Press. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Prelude et Fugue*. Composed by Georges Boehm. © 1942 by S. Bornemann. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.