

October 26, 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 AND BELLS

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us,
We are here to thank you.
God of the future, who is always ahead of us,
We are here to trust you.
God of the present, here in the midst of us,
We are here to praise you.
God of life beyond us, within us,
We rejoice in your glorious love. We worship you. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LITANY OF HOPE

Based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

In this world of suffering and poverty, hunger and thirst, violence and tragedy,
Where often we are overwhelmed and even apathetic,
We recall the earliest followers of Jesus, who even in their own poverty, found something to give.
For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has,
Not according to what one does not have.
There should not be relief for some and pressure for others;
Rather, it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need,
So that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there be a fair balance.
The one who had much did not have too much,
And the one who had little did not have too little.
Nothing left over to the one with the most;
Nothing lacking to the one with the least. But enough for all. Amen & Alleluia.

CHORAL REFRAIN

Two systems of musical notation for a choral refrain. The first system contains the lyrics: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: When I call an - swer me. O". The second system contains the lyrics: "Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: Come and lis - ten to me. O". The music is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

SCRIPTURE Psalm 131

Lector: Jim Ridgely

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever.

We hear Holy Word.

We receive Holy Wisdom.

ANTHEM

Two-Part Alleluia

WORD WITH CHILDREN

INVOCATION

God of Love, Divine Friend, our hearts are open to you as we seek your Word and your Wisdom. If a thought crosses our minds, you are present and are ready to hold it for us.

There is no emotion radiating from our souls that is too heavy or painful for you. Your Spirit encourages our dreams as we seek to find ways to build your Realm here on earth. May we work side-by-side, co-creating a world of possibilities where all experience your love and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14

Lector: Jim Ridgely

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN Purple 401

Here in This Place

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

We are given holy opportunities to share our gifts no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey. May we embrace joy instead of judgment as we discern where God is calling us to utilize our gifts.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*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)

Creator of all that has been, is, and will be, you are the God who sees us. You are the God who sustains us. How can we ever thank you for all that you have granted us? For you have granted us our very lives, creating us in your own divine image, and calling us good.

Thank you for the capacity and the privilege of giving. May these gifts, which we give right back to you, transform hunger into nutritious food; literacy into education; thirst into clean, accessible water; disease into healing; displacement into welcome; and despair into hope. We humbly ask you to consecrate these gifts for the transformation of lives and communities so that our abundance may be for their need and their need become our abundance. To you, God, be the glory! Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of love moves us to seek holy balance in our lives.
The Christ of faith moves us to share our gifts to create God's Realm on earth.
The Spirit of Joy moves us to dream in new ways and co-create with the Divine.
Whether we are on mountaintops or in canyons, may we envision meeting your children on the plains
with Jesus the Christ at the center and the Spirit emboldening us in our journeys. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in d minor

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

DON'T FORGET TO COME BACK AT 2:00pm FOR THE ORGAN CONCERT. SEE YOU THEN.

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 Anna Wolbring (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, Angela Yamashita, and Barry Yingling.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Jim Ridgely.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susie Clutz, Becky Hohman, and John Schnebly.

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Tina Shafer.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, and Rick Waters.

10/28 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

10/29 Potluck and Study 6:00pm

10/30 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm

Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

11/1 Jonathan Hager Proclamation at the Hager House and Walking Tour 10:00am

Tour of Zion Reformed 12:00pm – 4:00pm

11/2 Jonathan Hager Homecoming Celebration 11:00am

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

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.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

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?

OPPORTUNITIES

HALLOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT

Today 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.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
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Gathering music: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Composed by Martin Luther. Arr. by Buxtehude, Hanff, and Cherwien. © 1980 by Summa Productions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Hymns: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Purple 275. Tune: Ein Feste Burg. Composed by Martin Luther. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us. Purple 280. Tune: Ebenezer. Composed by Thomas John Williams (1890). Words by Janie Alford (1979). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: *Two-Part Alleluia*. Composed by Jay Althouse. © 1989 by Shawnee Press, Inc.

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Postlude: *Fugue in d minor*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.