



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

November 16, 2025

*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

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

How do we wait for God? We wait with patience. But patience does not mean passivity. Waiting patiently is not like waiting for the bus to come, the rain to stop, or the sun to rise. It is an active waiting in which we live the present moment to the full in order to find there the signs of the One we are waiting for.

The word patience comes from the Latin verb *patior* which means “to suffer.” Waiting patiently is suffering through the present moment, tasting it to the full, and letting the seeds that are sown in the ground on which we stand grow into strong plants. Waiting patiently always means paying attention to what is happening right before our eyes and seeing there the first rays of God’s glorious coming.

Henri Nouwen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Kammenoi-Ostrow

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

Like little children, we have come to be surprised!

Hear the word of God and make your reply:

“My heart has heard you say, ‘Come and talk with me, O my people!’”

And our hearts respond, “God, I am coming!”

*HYMN Purple 41

O Worship the King

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of the Past, in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare human hearts for the coming of the Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to people.

God of the Present, even now you are among us. Forgive us that often we have failed to discern your presence with us and have felt deserted and alone. Make strong in our hearts the faith that enables us to live serenely and triumphantly.

God of the Future, you have promised that Christ's reign is coming. Teach us to live in expectation, that what we are and do today may be anchored in the certainty of your tomorrow. Through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE

The musical score for the Choral Response is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked with a common time signature 'C'. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures, and the second system has four measures, starting with a measure rest (5) in the Soprano part. The lyrics are: 'O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: When I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: Come and lis - ten to me. O'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the second system.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Barb Ware

“The days are surely coming, says YHWH, when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of David, who will bring justice and integrity to the land. In those days Judah will be safe and Jerusalem will be secure. They will call the land, ‘YHWH is our Justice.’

ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Now Timothy is back from visiting you, and he has told us good things about your faith and love, that you have fond memories of us and want to see us just as much as we want to see you. We have been much consoled by your faith throughout our distress and persecution— so much so that we will continue to flourish only if you stand firm in our Savior. How can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel before God on your account? We earnestly pray night and day to be able to see you again and make up for any shortcomings in your faith. May our loving Abba God and Jesus, our Savior, direct our steps back to you. May Christ increase to overflowing your love for one another and for all people, even as our love does for you; may Christ strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our Abba God at the coming of our Savior Jesus with all the holy ones.

SERMON Growth Watch

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN Purple 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

***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)

Great and Good God,
we offer our lives as a thanksgiving to You.
Give us
pure hearts that we may see You,
humble hearts that we may hear You,
hearts of love that we may serve You,
hearts of faith that we may live in You,
reverent hearts that we may worship You,
here and in the world out there,
Through Jesus Christ your Love. Amen.

- Dag Hammarskjöld, adapted

*HYMN Purple 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*BENEDICTION

May God bless us;
May God keep us in the Spirit's care
And lead our lives with love.
May God's warm welcome shine from our hearts
And Christ's own peace prevail
Through this and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Regal Trumpet

Remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

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

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, Kim & Bill Cook, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), 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), Margaret Munroe, 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, 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 Barb Ware.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rick Waters.

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

Next week's Children's Church leader is Becky Hohman.

- 11/18 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 11/19 Potluck & Bible Study 6:00pm
Youth Fellowship 6:00pm
- 11/20 Properties Team meeting 1:pm
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 11/23 Sunday School for Adults and Young Adult Classes 9:45am
Children's Choir Practice 10:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Children's Church 11:00am
Put up Christmas Trees 12:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/18 Kim Cook
- 11/20 Byron Stay
- 11/21 Jax Burchard
- 11/22 Daisy Schlotterbeck

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/18 Sue & Mike Graff
- 11/22 Barb & Randy Hendershot

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Hot Chocolate and Hot Cider for the month of November. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Individual Packets of Oatmeal for the month of November.

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?

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Our Young Adult bible Study meets at 9:45 on the 3rd 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. We will be following a video-based curriculum called Animate.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
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Gathering music: *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Kammenoi-Ostrow*. Composed by A. Rubinstein. Arr. by William M. Felton. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *O Worship the King*. Purple 41. Tune: Lyons. Composed by Joseph Martin Kraus. Words by Robert Grant. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Holy, Holy, Holy. Purple 1. Tune: Nicea. Composed by John B. Dykes (1861). Words by Reginald Heber (1816). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! Purple 363. Tune: Darwall's 148th. Composed by John Darwall (1770). Words by Charles Wesley (1746). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*. English country song. Words by Horatius Bonar (1846).

Offertory: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1991 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *The Regal Trumpet*. Composed by C. M. Moblard. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.