



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.*

January 11, 2026

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GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Sonata in A major. K 331*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inquirer/New Member Meeting Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Usher Training Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm after worship  
Welcome Linda Herrera from Royal Bank of Canada today 12:00pm after worship  
Quiz Bowl and Chili Cookoff Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

PRELUDE

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of the Spirit who have gathered in the Spirit and open your minds and hearts to the presence of God giver of life.

**Breathe on us breath of God; fill us with life anew.**

May we silence the stream of thinking that distracts us from the Spirit of God living in the depths of minds and hearts.

**Breathe on us breath of God; fill us with life anew.**

We know that a single conscious breath is enough to make space for us to become present to God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit that enables us to be whole, to be holy.

**Great Spirit come and rest in us. Shalom.**

**\*HYMN Purple 403**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNION)

Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth,  
Guide us as we pray  
To think and wish and praise the best  
And mean the words we say.

Hushed is our quiet room,  
Still is the place of prayer,  
Silent, we bow our heads and feel  
Your peaceful presence everywhere. Amen

**CHORAL REFRAIN (verses 1 & 4)**

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put Christ into each other's hands,  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 42:1-9, NRSV

Lector: Wells Ridenour

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of Life. Word of Love.  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Heart's Playfulness

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

\*HYMN Purple 310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND MORNING PRAYER Ann Weems

**We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit works through**

**Balloons and ministers**

**Daisies and wiggly children**

**Clanging cymbals and silence**

**Drama and the unexpected**

**Choirs and banners**

**Touching and praying**

**Spontaneity and planning**

**Faith and doubt**

**Tears and laughter**

**Leading and supporting**

**Hugging and kneeling**

**Dancing and stillness**

**Applauding and giving**

**Creativity and plodding**

**Words and listening**

**Holding and letting go**

**Thank you and help me**

**Scripture and alleluias**

**Agonizing and celebrating**

**Accepting and caring**

**Through you and through me**

**Through love.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand holding people  
where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.  
We believe in praising God for Life.  
We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.  
We believe in the poetry within each of us.  
We believe in dreams and visions  
We believe in old people running and children leading.  
We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.  
We believe in Love praying...

## 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.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### CALL TO THE OFFERING

When our eyes are heavy, we dream of another world.  
When our spirits are low, we turn to each other.  
When our anger flares, we need each other's gifts most.  
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to create your kingdom of heaven.

### OFFERTORY

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

### \*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)**

**Dependable God, in whom we live and move and have our being, once again You have filled us with hope and blessed us with grace. And we are grateful. We now offer our very selves as an offering to You. Receive us, transform us, and use us for Your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN See Insert**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!*

**\*BLESSING**

May you always be up to something good,  
inspired by something hopeful,  
drenched in something beautiful,  
embedded in something larger,  
made generous by something extravagant,  
and fired by the passion  
which one day will recreate the world  
in God's Love.

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Brevis*

Today's altar flowers are in Loving Memory of Betsy and Frank Roulette by their family.

Fellowship and Discussion with RBC Wealth Management.

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

The asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

The BOLD FACE indicates when the congregation is invited to speak in unison.



We welcome Laura Herrera, CPA

Senior Vice President - Financial Advisor, Senior Portfolio Director of RBC Wealth Management.

Stay after worship today to learn about how they help Zion manage the resources entrusted to us.

## 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 who 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, The Family of Bill Cook, Steve Cavey (Uncle of Tina Shafer), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Jim Hatfield, **Beth Hauver**, 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), George & Mary Pietsch (Rae's daughter and son-in-law), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Angie Schaff, Tina Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Christel, Christoph, and Anna Wolbring (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, and Rick Waters.

This week's Children's Church leader Kim Ridenour.

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jim Ridgley.

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, and Barb Ware.

1/13 Deadline for February Newsletter Articles

Staff Meeting 11:00am

HARC Monthly Meeting 12:30pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

1/14 Potluck and Study 6:00pm

1/15 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

## BIRTHDAYS

1/14 Frank Gerlando

1/17 Alden Grosh

1/17 Brooks Grosh

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9:45 Adult Sunday School – In-person and Zoom

Children's Sunday School Class

Young Adult Class/Bible Study - Second and Fourth Sundays of the month

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](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive)

Children's Church – every other week

12:00 Fellowship

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **JANUARY 18TH – INQUIRER/NEW MEMBER CLASS**

New to the church? Been here awhile? Are you interested in a greater connection? The Membership Committee will be hosting an Inquirer/New Member Class on January 18th at 9:30AM in the downstairs History Room. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending or talk with Pastor Scott.

### **CHILI COOK-OFF AND QUIZBOWL. JANUARY 24, 6-8PM**

Join our trivia game night and compete with your favorite Chili recipe. We will have tables competing against tables in trivia under the direction of Quiz mistress Mary Mannix. Start forming your teams.

### **USHER TRAINING**

We will be offering an usher training event after worship on January 18th. We will gather in the Burhans Room for a simple lunch. If you are interested in joining a team, please come.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING POTLUCK AND STUDY GROUP**

Hungry for new information, insight, and of course good food? Then come on out on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with others and join in the discussions, fellowship and good food.

### **SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH**

Every Sunday after worship a bunch of us get together and go out for lunch, fellowship and lots of laughter. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us. We try to patronize a different local eatery each week. We meet up in the chapel right after worship and that is when we usually decide where we are going. Come join us whenever you can.

### **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.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

On Saturday, February 28, the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for the REACH Cold Weather Shelter will take place at HCC. Walkers and runners are invited to collect pledges for their efforts. ZION Walkers have participated every year since this event was held in the U.S. Please consider joining the team and/or making a pledge. More information will be available next week.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Micah's Backpack is collecting Canned Soups for the month of January.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

### Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519

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Gathering music: *Sonata in A major*. K 331. Composed by Amadeus Mozart. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*. Composed by Maria Theresa. Arr. by Robert A. Hobby. © 1918 by Birnamwood Publications.

Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*. Purple 403. Tune: Unser Herrscher. Composed by Joachim Neander. Words by Benjamin Schmolck. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*. Purple 310. From The Universal Psalmist (1763). Words by Timothy Dwight (1800). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name! Insert*. Tune: Diadem. Composed by James Ellor (1838). Words by Edward Perronet (1779). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*. Purple 291. Composed by James K. Manley.

Offertory: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*. Composed by Arthur A. Messiter. Arr. by Robert A. Hobby. © 1990 by Birnamwood Publications. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 917329

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