



May 17, 2026

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

Ruthy Stenger

Welcome and Announcements

Vacation Bible School Leaves for Donations

Graduation Sunday - Daniel Livingston, Misha Joy, Calvin Shroyer

Hagerstown Pride Table and Raffle Baskets

Summer Schedule - today last day of Sunday School, May 24 worship is at 10:00AM

Prelude

*My Lord, What a Morning*

\*Call to Worship

One: Listen! It is good and pleasant when we worship together in unity!

**All: We are like precious oil on heads and hearts.**

One: It is good and pleasant when we serve together in unity!

**All: We are like the dew of a fresh new morning and strength of the mountains.**

One: The Lord blesses and keeps us in unity!

**All: From east to west, from north to south, let us serve the Holy One  
with gladness and worship God's holy name!**

\*Hymn Purple 286

*Breathe on Me, Breathe of God*

Prayer of Hope (in unison)

Gracious God,

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choral Response

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Scripture Psalm 133, NRSV

Barb Ware

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there Adonai ordained a blessing, life forevermore.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Word for Children and Graduation Prayer

Scripture John 17: 1-11, The Inclusive Bible

Barb Ware

After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Abba, the hour has come! Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify you, through the authority you've given me over all humankind, by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Abba, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you've entrusted to me does indeed come from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it.

They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it's for them that I pray—not for the world, but for these you've given me—for they are really yours, just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name—the Name that you gave me—that they may be one, even as we are one.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Holy Unity

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

\*Hymn Purple 250

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

Reception of Michael (Neil) Fowler as a New Members

Statement of Faith: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Statement of Expectations for Joining Members

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Acceptance of Membership

Welcome of the Congregation

Unison Words of Welcome

We welcome you with thanksgiving as a partner in the vital ministries of the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Christ. God grant that together we may live out the claims of our faith and continue to grow into the fullness and maturity of life known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

And 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 for the Offering

Here's what I believe: I believe God is doing a new thing.  
Every minute of every day, God is at work, around us and within us.  
For the homeless, a place to live;  
For the hungry, a feast;  
For the thirsty, a cup of cold clean water that runneth over;  
For the weary, rest;  
For the lonely, a friend;  
For the sick, healing and wholeness;  
Here's what I believe: Every minute of every day, God is making all things new, giving and giving and giving again. And you are called, we are called to be a part of God's work of generosity. You are called to give, to surrender your time, talent, and treasure to this God-work of making all things new.  
You are called to give. We are called to give.  
The morning offering will now be given and received!

## Offertory

*10,000 Reasons to Bless the Lord*

## Doxology Purple 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



## Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Loving God, with this money, make a whole new world. With these gifts, help make real what your prophets declare, that mourning and crying and pain will be no more with these people, help make a world where everyone is loved, a world where justice and compassion roll down like a mighty stream, a world where everyone has warm food, cool water, healthcare, and friends - a world where death is no more, where mourning and crying and pain are no more! Do it now, God, in the name of your son, our sweet Savior Jesus Christ. And the people of God said, "Amen."**

## \*Hymn Purple 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

## \*Benediction

One: May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,  
**All: strengthen us for the Christian life.**  
One: May the Lord who provides for all our needs  
**All: sustain us day by day.**  
One: May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,  
**All: send us out to live and work for others.**  
One: And the blessing of God Almighty,  
**All: be with you and remain with you always. Amen.**

## Benediction Response

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

\*Congregational Fellowship

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 love **visitors** and hope to reach out to you.  
Please complete the **Welcoming Card** and place the card in the offering plate.

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*A HEARTFELT THANK YOU from the Ridenours.*

*The Ridenour family would like to extend our deepest THANK YOU to our Zion Church for all the love and support you have shown us. Your calls, cards, meals and every thoughtful gesture have meant more than words can express. We are truly grateful for this caring congregation and the way you surround others with compassion and grace. Our hearts are full with love and appreciation.*

*The Ridenours*

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### **TUESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY**

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Laundry Pods for the month of May. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes. Micah's Backpack is collecting Granola Bars for the month of May.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

Make sure to invite your kids, grandkids and neighbors to join us June 22-25 at Zion from 6-8pm. You can sign up using this QR code.



### **MAY 30 - END OF YEAR PARTY FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Join us at the Shroyer House (13292 Whispering Spring Dr Greencastle, PA) from 4 to 6:30pm for a great time of games, laughter and spending time together. This is a potluck, they will supply hotdogs and burgers.

### **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.

### **ZION'S GATHERING PLACE!**

Thanks to everyone who made our soft launch of Zion's Gathering Place successful! We had 12 participants and we heard from many that they are looking forward to coming back next month! Our next dates are: May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 19, and June 26 – make sure you sign up!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Barb Ware.

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

This week's Children's Church Leader is Megan Shroyer.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

Children's Sunday School Class

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

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rick Waters.

Next week's ushers are: Dom Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald and Bill Wantz.

5/19 5:00-6:30pm, Tuesday Evening Ministry

5/20 6:00pm, Potluck /Bible Study & Newsletter Deadline

5/20 6:30pm, Capital Campaign Leadership Team Training

## BIRTHDAYS

Steve Burgan (5/22), Corey Green (5/17), Brandon Hackett (5/17), Rony Joy (5/20), Amber Nilson (5/21), Randy Schultz (5/19), Steve Wise (5/19)

Music for May 17, 2026 - **CCLI NUMBER: 6212519**

Prelude *My Lord, What a Morning*, Trad. Spiritual arr. Cindy Berry

Hymns Glory to God #286, *Breath on Me Breathe of God*, Glory to God #250, *Hymn of Promise*, Glory to God #306, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Choral Responses *Let There be Peace on Earth, On Eagle's Wings*

Offertory *10,000 Reasons to Bless the Lord*, Matt Redman

Postlude *Because He Lives*, William Gaither

## PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

**Please complete a Prayer Card in Worship to be added or reach out to Pastor Scott**

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 who 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, Steve Cavey (Uncle of Tina Shafer), Kim Cook, Jim Hatfield, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Karen Howser (friend of Barb & Charly Ware), Peggy Lowman, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), George & Mary Pietsch, David Ridenour, the family of Wells Ridenour, **Scherry Sellers**, Staci Shafer, Rae Smith, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), Traci Van Vogelpeel, Rick Waters' brother and nephew, Christel Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.