

## **Worship Service—May 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

Resources for Zion's Reformed Church Facebook Live Worship

We will be live streaming worship each Sunday on our Zion's Reformed Facebook Page and you can view the video there. Please "Like" or "Follow" the page to receive updates and notices. The video will also be posted on YouTube on our new channel--Zion's Reformed Greenville PA. The intent is that we continue to be in community with one another and offer worship and praise and thanksgiving in all the ways we can. We will send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection.

Please send Pastor June any prayer requests by email, text, phone, or messenger. And share any feedback or comment on the live stream or video posted on the Zion's page. This is meant to be meaningful for you so we appreciate knowing what works and what we could do differently.

And, as always, each of you is in our prayers. Social distancing does not mean we are distant from one another in heart and spirit. And we know that our loving and caring God is present with us always and in every moment. For all this we give thanks.

### **A Time of Gathering**

Today we are celebrating the Festival of the Christian Home.

This will be a service to honor home and family.

A Candle Lighting Litany: Nurturing God

**Response: Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.**

Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

**People: Shine in our homes with the light of your love.**

Leader: We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

**People: From our mothers and fathers and those who have served as parents in many ways.**

Leader: Nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are created to be.

**People: As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.**

Leader: All praise to you Heavenly Father, Holy Mother, and Blessed Son.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the Earth, for the beauty of the skies.

For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child.  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild  
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

### **A Time of Prayer**

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have called us to honor mothers and fathers, but we often rebel against those whom you have entrusted with authority and who deserve our respect. In our families, we do not always live peaceably. Some of us are tempted by resentment. Others disappoint and we hold grudges, and too often we hurt those most close to us. Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings, and all of us remember times when we have fallen short. Forgive us for doubt, resentment, unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes. Lord, we seek your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

### **Dwelling in the Word**

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 6:20-22

<sup>20</sup> My child, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. <sup>21</sup> Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. <sup>22</sup> When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."

Proverbs 22:1-6, 17-21

<sup>1</sup> A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. <sup>2</sup> Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. <sup>3</sup> The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. <sup>4</sup> Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life. <sup>5</sup> In the paths of the wicked are snares and

pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. <sup>6</sup> Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

<sup>17</sup> Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,

<sup>18</sup> for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.

<sup>19</sup> So that your trust may be in the Lord, I teach you today, even you.

## Meditation

Offering our Gifts-- We are continuing to do pastoral ministry and paying staff, the utilities still need to be paid and we have obligations to support our mission and ministry partners. Please consider mailing your contribution. And thank you to all of you who have responded in so many ways to make sure that ministry happens--mailing your checks and calling one another and running errands. You are indeed a beloved community. Please continue to share your gifts and your prayers and reach out to others in any way you can to share the love of Christ with all that you can.

## Closing Hymn "I Would Be True"

I would be true for there are those who trust me.

I would be pure for there are those who care.

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer.

I would be brave, for there is much to bear.

I would be brave, for there is much to bear.

I would be friend of all the foe the friendless,

I would be giving and forget the gift,

I would be humble, for I know my weakness,

I would look up and laugh, and love and live.

I would look up and laugh, and love and live.

## Benediction