

Worship Service—May 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Resources for Zion's Reformed Church Facebook Live Worship

Welcome and Announcements

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 post worship materials in the "Pastor's Corner" on our webpage www.zionsucc.org or send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection. This week you should have also received a letter about worship at Zion's.

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

Solemn Declaration: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: God, our Holy Parent, watches over us with love and deep compassion.

People: We have not been orphaned.

Leader: Jesus, our brother and the pioneer of our faith, leads us by truth, in word and deed.

People: We have not been orphaned.

Leader: The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Guide, and constant companion, breathes with us day and night.

People: We have not been orphaned.

Leader: The Word of Hope recedes into the past and marches forward into the future, carrying us through life in its way.

People: We have not been orphaned.

Leader: The community of the faithful exists beyond time and space.

People: You are in me and I am in you.

Leader: We keep God's commandments.

People: We are called God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "Give Me Jesus"

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, give me Jesus.

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

When I'm satisfied, when I'm satisfied, when I'm satisfied, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

A Time of Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to its people. When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us. Help us to hear your transforming love speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth, telling us that we are loved and that we are to love one another. In the knowledge of this love, work through us to bring your justice to the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (in song)

Dwelling in the Word

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

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 loving your neighbor in many ways. 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 "Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult"
**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult, of our life's wild restless sea.
Day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me".**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store.
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more".**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease.
Still he calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these".**

**Jesus calls us, by thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call.
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

Benediction

Our worship is ended and our service begins.