

**Worship Service—May 24, 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](http://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.

Today we will honor Memorial Day and our fallen heroes. This is especially appropriate today as we remember those on the front line of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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:           In a world filled with fear and illness and death,

**People:           we gather to celebrate the promise of healing.**

Leader:           In a world filled with violence and conflict,

**People:           we gather to celebrate the promise of peace.**

Leader:           In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**People:           we gather to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

Leader:           Our hope is in the name of Almighty God,

**People:           Wonderful Counselor, Redeemer, Prince of Peace.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn      “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand, leads forth in beauty all the starry band,  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay; thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From wars alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

### **A Time of Prayer**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of peace and unity, forgive us when we have participated in that which turns people against each other; for fueling anger and harboring vengeance, for not heeding your call to love one another. Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers us, and the courage to see past pestilence, war, and desolation and live for the day when it will be peace and unity and well-being among all your children. Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

### **Dwelling in the Word**

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 3:13-17 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup>But in your

hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,<sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.<sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

John 17:12-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.<sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.<sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.<sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.<sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.<sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Meditation

Special Music            "It is Well with My Soul"  
                                  Performed by the Wartburg Choir, April 24, 2016,  
                                  at First Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ, Lincoln Nebraska

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        "This is My Song"

**This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy  
shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high  
as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but  
other lands have sunlight too,, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine; O hear  
my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

Benediction

**Our worship is ended and our service begins.**