

Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ  
Worship Service—June 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

**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 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.

Consistory met on June 3 and decided to continue the discussion about returning to worship in the sanctuary until their meeting on July 1. This was based on the fact that there are not yet clear guidelines in place from the state to allow a written plan to be made. They have authorized the purchase of equipment and installation of internet in the sanctuary so that we can continue to live-stream worship for the foreseeable future. Please let Consistory know if you have any thoughts about re-opening.

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.

As always, each of you is in our prayers. Physical distancing does not mean we are distant from one another in heart and spirit. And we know that our Creator, Redeemer, and Loving Spirit 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 of Creation, call to us today.

**People:           Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader:           God of Grace, remind us again how much you love us.

**People:           Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader:           God of Compassion, teach us how to follow you.

**People:           Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader:           God who calls us, help us to know your ways.

**ALL:             WE GATHER TO HEAR YOUR CALL, TO SING YOUR PRAISE, TO TEACH EACH OTHER, TO PRAY AND WORSHIP AS THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

## Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn      “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**God of Grace, and God of Glory, on your people pour your power.  
Crown your ancient church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us, and assail the savior’s ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.  
For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children’s warring madness, bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be.  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in our quest for liberty.  
In our quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore.  
Let our search for your salvation, be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.  
Serving you whom we adore.**

## A Time of Prayer

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by disease, poverty, and violence. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment and jealousy.**

**Renew us in your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of your abundant mercy. Instruct in the role we can play in healing your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear your word and move forward in faith. Hear us as we offer our silent prayer.**

## 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.**

Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"  
**Hear thy prayer O Lord, Hear thy prayer O Lord,  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

### Dwelling in the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, <sup>[a]</sup> drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

### Meditation

Closing Hymn        “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women richer, poorer, all God’s people young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life.  
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife,  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

Benediction

Leader:        You are the hands and feet of God. You are called to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace. So as you leave this place, how will you live?

**People:        We go from this time of worship to share the gifts we have been given.  
We go from this time of worship to build up the Body of Christ.  
We go from our sacred spaces to carry the Holy to the world around us.**

Leader:        Go in love, go in peace, go with God.

**ALL:            AMEN.**

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