

Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ  
Worship Service—June 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.  
Celebration of Father's Day

**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.

Today we honor our Father God and all the fathers among us in flesh and memory.

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. Internet is installed in the sanctuary and we are waiting for the camera and microphones to arrive and be set up. If you are interested in helping run the camera, let the office know. We will continue to live-stream worship for the foreseeable future. Please let Consistory know if you have any thoughts about resuming in person worship or activities.

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:       See what love the Father has given us,

**People:       that we should be called the children of God.**

Leader:       You are my sons and daughters, this day I have begotten you.

**People:       See what love the Father has given us.**

Leader:       As many as received him, to them he gave power to become the children of God.

**People:       See what love the Father has given us.**

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
People: **See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "Blest be the Tie That Binds"  
**Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear.**

**When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain;  
That we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;  
While each in expectation lives and longs to see the day.**

**From sorrow, toil and pain and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

### A Time of Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you. Hear our silent prayers, Father that you are.**

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 10:24-39 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup> “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Meditation

Closing Hymn        "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not thy compassions they fail not. As Thou hast been thou forever will be.**

*Refrain*

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

**Summer and winter and spring time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above.**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

*Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand  
beside.**

*Refrain*

Benediction

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