

Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ
Worship Service—June 28, 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 or send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection.

Consistory will meet on June 24 to continue the discussion about returning to worship in the sanctuary. They will review a draft written plan and any updates will be in the July newsletter. 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 (based on Psalm 89)

Leader: Gracious God, your faithful love toward us never ends!

People: It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads.

Leader: We praise you!

People: We've gathered in our sacred spaces to offer you together our worship and our thanksgiving;

Leader: To declare to any who will listen that you are our God, and we are your people.

People: May your Spirit be at work among us, opening our eyes to the light of your presence as we gather in worship.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign, Where’er the Sun”

Jesus shall reign, where’er the sun, does its successive journeys run.

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head.

His name like sweet perfume shall rise, with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue, dwell on His love with sweetest song.

And infant voices shall proclaim, their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring, peculiar honors to our King,

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

A Time of Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Lord, you call us to obedience, to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. We confess that we don’t always find this easy to do. We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love. But we also know that you never ask more of us than what is possible, and that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us, and to provide everything we need.

Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of whole-hearted obedience to you. Hear our silent prayers....

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 10:40-11:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

11 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Meditation

Closing Hymn “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart, not be all else to me save that thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me Lord,
Thou my soul’s shelter and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven’s joys O bright Heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision O Ruler of all.**

Benediction

Our worship is ended and our service begins.