

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

United Church of Christ

260 Main Street, Greenville, PA 16125

Phone: 724-588-6940

Church e-mail: info@zionsucc.org

Pastor June e-mail: pastor@zionsucc.org

Pastor June cell: 724-815-3570

Julie's cell: 724-815-3291

Website: www.zionsucc.org

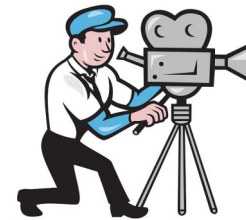


Welcome and Announcements

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 post worship materials in the "Pastor's Corner" on our webpage www.zionsucc.org and send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection.

Please send Pastor June any prayer requests by email, text, phone, or messenger. And share any feedback or comment on worship in the sanctuary, the live stream, or video posting. 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.



CAMERA OPERATOR NEEDED!

Thank you, Allen Morrill for volunteering to operate the video camera for Sunday worship. We could use one more person to help out when Allen is unable to be here.

Please notify Pastor June or Julie if you are interested.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The Good Shepherd Center has re-opened the Thrift Store and they are in need of someone to sanitize the store after hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please let Julie know or call Janet Smith, Executive Director at 724-456-3205.

*As each one has received a special gift,
employ it in serving one another as
good stewards of the
manifold grace
of God.*



1 Peter 4:10

Knowing-Jesus.com

SUPPORT BENEVOLENT CARE AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's will be participating in Giving Week through the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH, July 25th - July 31st.

All proceeds during this week will benefit benevolent care through the Good Samaritan Fund. Benevolent care is provided to residents who exhaust their financial resources and cannot afford the full cost of their care. This program ensures that no resident ever has to leave St. Paul's because of financial reasons.

At St. Paul's the need for benevolent care is great. 62% of the residents at St. Paul's in skilled nursing care and 12% of those living in personal care cannot afford to pay the full cost of their care.

An exciting part about Giving Week is that any donation that is made during this time will be matched by the Community Foundation on a prorated basis! The Community Foundation has \$130,000 available in match money.

There are two easy ways to give:

Credit Card - Donate online through the Community Foundation. (July 25th-31st) <https://www.paohgives.org/programs-1/ST.-PAUL'S>

Check - must be made payable to the Community Foundation of W PA & E OH with "St. Paul's" in the memo line.

Mail to the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH at 7 West State Street, Suite 301, Sharon, PA 16146.

OR

Drop off in the lobby at The Villas.

All checks must be received in the Community Foundation's office between 8 a.m. on Monday July 27th and 3 p.m. on Friday July 31st to be eligible to receive match dollars.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

July 26, 2020 10:30 a.m.

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

MEDITATION: Patience Strong (20th Century British Poet)
*Life is like a field, where we must gather what we grow, weed or
wheat... this is the law, we reap the crop we sow.*

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: 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.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT and THE PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Mornin'" Hall Johnson

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Psalm 139: 13-14

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my
mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder-
fully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

GATHERING SONG "Sanctuary" (CCLI #24140)

F#m/A Em/A D A

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y,

G Em7 D A F#m/A Em/A D

pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing,

A G F#m/A G/A D

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Thompson (1950-) and Randy Scruggs (20th c.)
Words and Music © 1982 Whole Armor Music/Full Armor Music (Admin. The Kruger Organisation)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

People: **You know when I sit and when I rise;**

Leader: You perceive my thoughts from afar.

People: **You watch my going out and my lying down**

Leader: You are familiar with all my ways.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me and so we
praise your name.**

OPENING PRAYER



THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CENTER AUGUST REQUESTS ARE

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS AND
SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
HAND SANITIZER, MASKS AND
WET WIPES.**

The Thrift Store is now open for shopping on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00-3:00. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 10:00-3:00.

PRESCHOOL DONATIONS

Supplies for the preschool will be handled a little differently this year due to Covid-19. Each child will have their own box of crayons, markers, etc., rather than sharing with the whole class.

**Would you like to donate items? Please bring them to
the church office. Requested supplies are:**

- Crayola Crayons (30 -classic colors pack of 8)
- Crayola Washable Markers (30 -classic color pack of 8)
- Crayola Washable Watercolors (30 -8 regular colors)
- Elmer's glue bottles (30 -4 oz.)
- Elmer's glue sticks (30- .77oz)
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer (at least 60 % alcohol, may not contain isopropanol or methyl alcohol)

O God in Whom All Life Begins

401

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

OPENING HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation" (CCLI #5072547)

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in

Tune: AR HYD YNOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
 Welsh traditional melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You know everything about me. Every word I speak, every thought I think, every deed I do. You know them all, even before I do. So take a good look at me now. Look deep into my heart and soul. Point out the things that displease you, the thoughts and actions I need to change. Reveal the ways in which I deceive myself. Show me how to live as you would want me to live. And now in silence I wait for your word...

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF ASSURANCE "God Will Take Care of You"

**Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you.**

**God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "This Is the Time I Must Sing" Gaither
(CCLI# 12035)
Lori Seinar-Roknick, soloist/pianist

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
(bulletin page 13)

SERMON *A Mixed Bag*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

We give our offerings to God—our treasure, our gifts, our labor. And God receives them all with graciousness. You may mail or drop off your offering in the office, use a bank bill pay service or use the "give" button on the website. Thank you for your continued support of Zion's ministries. Let us offer the doxology in response to the gifts we receive and return.

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN NO. 401 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"
(CCLI #1415143) (Bulletin page 8)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE "Joshua (Fit the Battle of Jericho)"
Trad. African/American Spiritual