

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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September 6, 2020 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion/Labor Day Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome back to the pews, those worshipping today in the sanctuary, and welcome to those who are with us on-line. Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Those at home may wish to prepare bread and cup for the Service so we may partake together.

We will continue to live stream worship each Sunday on our Zion's Reformed Facebook Page. The video is available on Facebook or on You Tube on our channel--Zion's Reformed Greenville PA. Many thanks to Allen Morrill and Leslie Gaul, for helping with the livestream equipment. If you would be interested in helping with the equipment, please let the office know.

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. 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.

Just a reminder that the office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

A Time of Gathering

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Josie Harbaugh, Lector

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 AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP 1 Thessalonians 1:3 New International Version (NIV)

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

GATHERING SONG "Cry of My Heart" (CCLI # 844980) (bulletin page 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

People: We celebrate with voices and instruments, songs old and new, with praise and prayers!

Leader: Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

People: For God is already here, among us and within us,

Leader: bringing new life to all who believe.

People: Let's praise God together!

A Time of Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we long to follow you, to walk in the way that you have shown us, to know your commandments, and to practice them whole-heartedly. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. Give us a hunger for your Word and your ways. Show us where true life and happiness are found—in knowing and doing your will. Hear our prayers, O God....

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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers, our friends and neighbors, as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbor as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and petitions on behalf of the church and the world. Today we hold in prayer, Charlie and Millie Owen, Linda Allison, Sam and Elaine Gano, Linda Schehl, Fred Graham, Linda Henry, Vikki Young, Lynn Marlowe, Gabriel Sobina, and Frank Lawrence. I invite you to name other joys and concerns in the space provided in the prayer or in chat so we can all offer our prayers. Please feel free during the week to let me know if there are others you would like added to the prayer list.

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.**

Dwelling in the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 119:33-40 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. ³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

SERMON

The Labor of Faith

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We give our offerings to God—our treasure, our gifts, our labor. And God receives them all with graciousness. There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary or 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

COMMUNION HYMN “Jesus, Our Divine Companion” (bulletin page 6)

Words of Remembering
 Communion Prayer
 Sharing the Bread and Cup

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Life.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure- that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may labor faithfully in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “God Be With You” (CCLI #2647645) (bulletin page 7)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE “Sing Your Praise to the Lord” arr. by Mark Hayes; adapted from J. S. Bach

Our worship is ended and our service begins.

MEDITATION: Albert Einstein

A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of [others], living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

Refrain

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low you.



It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low



all of the days of my life. — *Fine*



1. Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, —
2. O - pen my eyes so I — can see the



so I can walk in your truth. —
won - der - ful things that you do. —



Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, and make me
O - pen my heart up more — and more, and make me



whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. — *D.C.*
whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. —

SOCIAL CONCERN

Jesus, Our Divine Companion 901



1. Je - sus, our di - vine com-pan - ion, By your low - ly
 2. All who tread the path of la - bor Fol - low where your
 3. Ev - 'ry task, how - ev - er sim - ple, Fills the soul with



hu - man birth You have come to join all work - ers,
 feet have trod; All who work with - out com-plain - ing
 grace a - new; Ev - 'ry act of hu - man kind - ness



Bur - den - bear - ers of the earth. As the car - pen -
 Do the ho - ly will of God. You, the peace sur -
 Done in love is done to you. Je - sus, our di -



ter of Naz - 'reth, Toil - ing for your dai - ly food,
 pas - sing knowl - edge, Dwell with us in dai - ly strife;
 vine com - pan - ion, Help us all to do our best;



By your pa - tience and your cour - age,
 You, the Bread of heav - en, bro - ken
 Bless us in our dai - ly la - bor,



You have taught us work is good.
 In the sac - ra - ment of life.
 Lead us to the Sab - bath rest.

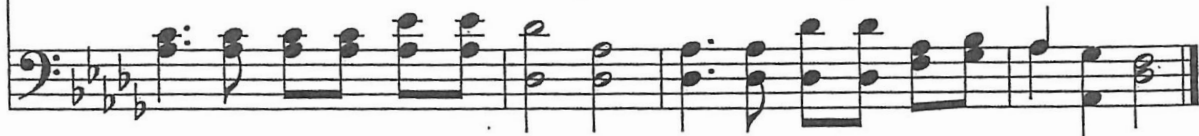
God Be with You



- 1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-TECT - ing hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per - ils should con-found you,



with his sheep se-cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 dai - ly man-na still pro-VIDE you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.



WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

GOD BE WITH YOU
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