

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries
October 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Rally Day

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

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ. Many thanks to Allen Morrill and Leslie Graul for helping with the livestream equipment. See page 6 for more announcements.

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of my son Steven and daughter Cindy, by Myrna Snyder and Family.

A Time of Gathering

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Eleanore Donner, 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

Kellen Ritzert , Acolyte

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join To Sing”

Penny Rodriguez; Trad. Spanish Melody

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Genesis 12:2-3 New International Version (NIV)

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

GATHERING SONG

“Count Your Blessings”

Sunday School Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jr and Sr High Class

Leader: Give, and it will be given to you.

People: Let your light shine before people.

Leader: Show your good actions and glorify your God

People: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Leader: Now to God who is able to do more than all we ask or imagine

People: to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

A Time of Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Transforming God, we cannot share your love with clenched fists and closed hearts. Help us to open our hands, to let go of grasping, that we too may scatter seeds of hope and generosity and hold in our hearts seeds of justice, peace and joy. So may the fruits of our labors be for the sharing of the earth and the blessing of your love. Hear us now as we ask for your blessing....

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.**

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Prayer for Teachers

Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students Hannah Johnston and Kayli Cowie

Prayer for Students

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, Dan Callahan, Linda Schehl, Nancy Redfoot, Lynn Marlowe, Gabriel Sobina, and Austin Lane. We also hold Millie and the family of Charlie Owen in prayer as they gather for his service on Saturday. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Along the Road” John W. Peterson
Bill Henry, vocals and guitar (CCLI#39812)

Dwelling in the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 New International Version (NIV)

God is able to make every blessing of yours overflow for you, so that in every situation you will always have all you need for any good work. As it is written, “He scatters everywhere and gives to the poor; his righteousness lasts forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat will also supply you with seed and multiply it and enlarge the harvest that results from your righteousness. In every way you will grow richer and become even more generous, and this will cause others to give thanks to God because of us.

SERMON

Count Your Blessings

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away to bless all God’s people and all of creation. 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.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (CCLI #231270) (bulletin pages 4 and 5)

THE BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

THE POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” arr. by Lyndell Leatherman
(CCLI#7042071)

Our worship is ended and our service begins.

MEDITATION: Sukhraj S. Dhillon (university professor and author)

Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behavior does.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant




2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the


Unison





1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the


tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er




peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications,

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

TODAY IS RALLY DAY!

Welcome back to Sunday School!

The elementary children talked about BLESSINGS in their class today and made cards for everyone in the congregation.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

The Ministry of Service and Missions will meet tomorrow at 6:00.

Immerse Bible Study continues on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00.

A Memorial Service for Charlie Owen will be held on Saturday, October 17 in the sanctuary. Calling hours are at 1:00 and the service is at 2:00

Sunday, November 1 is Legacy Sunday. We will celebrate Holy Communion, Ordination of Elders, Confirmation, All-Saints Day and Reformation Sunday.
AND.....Daylight saving time ends.....turn your clocks back!

Pastor June will be on vacation from November 2 to November 18.

Zion's is scheduled to pack backpacks on Tuesday, November 3. Please let Leslie Graul know if you would like to help.

On Sunday, November 8 we will make fleece blankets in Fisher Hall following worship. Please bring a lunch. Please bring "good scissors" if you have them and a ruler. The fleece material will be provided. Blankets will be given to AWARE and The Good Shepherd Center.

The first rehearsal for the Chime Choir is November 12 at 6:00.

The Good Shepherd Center Thanksgiving request is cans of fruit. Please bring your donations to the church by November 13.