

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
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October 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.

*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. See page 7 for more announcements.

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of the 94th birthday of Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa, by Teri, Brian, Vicki, Sarah, James, Colson, Alaina and Hannah.

A Time of Gathering

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Jodie Enterline, 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 Ali Calvin, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"Song of Hope"

Iouri Grichetchkise

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Matthew 6:33

But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GATHERING SONG "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" (CCLI# 2430948) (bulletin page 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jodie Enterline, Lector

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

A Time of Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to be a faithful community. We confess how often we have not looked to you for wisdom and power for living. We look to the world for our messiahs, seeking security in the things we own, in the prejudices and opinions we have acquired, in systems and structures of dominance and not compassion. Forgive us, God. May we let go and let you make us worthy of being called the Church of Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers this day....

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.**

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 Lura Campbell, 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 celebrated Charlie's life yesterday. 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 Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Heads or Tails

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We give in grateful thanksgiving for a God whose love for us is beyond measure and who provides for our every need. Let us offer a due proportion of our wealth, for all we are and have rightly belongs to God. 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 "Teach Me, O Lord" (CCLI # 4355368) (bulletin page 6)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“Marching to Zion”

arr. by Lani Smith

Our worship is ended and our service begins.

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*Has God's face ever been on a coin? We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God.
Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include, is the only legal currency of the kingdom
of heaven.*

Come, now is the time to wor - ship;

come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to wor - - ship;

come just as you are be - fore your God,

come. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess

You are God; one day ev - 'ry knee will bow.

Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains for those who glad -

- ly choose You now.

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Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

William Matson, 1866; alt.

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.
 to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
 and keep me in your shel - tering care.
 and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM I.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

Sunday School Classes available for all ages beginning at 9:15. The Elementary students meet in Fisher Hall, JR/SR High in Youth Center and Adult class in the Anderson Lounge.

Sunday, November 1 is Legacy of Faith 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.

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.