



Welcome to those worshipping today in the sanctuary, and to those who are with us on-line.

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit, while Pastor June is on vacation. Thank you for being here Pastor Glenn! Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Frank, Frances and Bob Reimold, by The Reimold Family.

Ushers today at the front door are George Donner and Ruth Herrick and at the back door Sue Nicklin and Chris Stockner.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15. The adults meet in the Anderson Lounge, JR/SR High students meet in the Youth Center and Elementary students meet in Fisher Hall. Everyone welcome!

All children are invited to attend Church Happening after the Children's Message led today by Jen Wentling.

Today is **Fleece Blanket Work Day** in Fisher Hall after worship.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries
November 8, 2020 10:30 a.m.
A Time of Gathering

MISSION MOMENT

Jodie Enterline

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Ann Fowler

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

Gunner Hills, Acolyte

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Penny Rodriguez

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Joshua 24:15

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourself this day whom you will serve, whether the god's your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

GATHERING SONG "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (bulletin page 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Fowler , Lector

Leader: There are different spiritual gifts but the same spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord;

People: Christ is just like the human body-a body is a unit; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many parts.

Leader: We were all baptized by one spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free.

People: We were all given one Spirit to drink. Come Holy Spirit!

All: Let us worship God!

A Time of Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lyra Grace Chaney

Parents: Jack & Lauren Chaney

Grandparents: Dino & Lori Tofani and Edwin & Terri Chaney

Great grandparents: Vincent & Kay Tofani and Patricia Montgomery

Emryn Kay Dawes

Parents: Ryan and Trista Dawes

Grandparents: Dino & Lori Tofani and Keith & Debbie Dawes

Great grandparents: Vincent & Kay Tofani, Patricia Montgomery, Jim & Janet Reagle.

Daniel Charles Aharrah

Parents: Jason & Rebecca Aharrah

Grandparents: James E. & Laurie Baker and Lon & Carol Aharrah

Isaac Lawrence Aharrah

Parents: Jason & Rebecca Aharrah

Grandparents: James E. & Laurie Baker and Lon & Carol Aharrah

James Kenneth Patrick Baker

Parents: Jim & Lara Baker

Grandparents: Jim & Laurie Baker and Brian & Vickie Detwiler

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to these children about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places as we confess our faith in the Triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL BLANKET AND CERTIFICATE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Dwelling in the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24: 1-25 and Psalm 78: 1-7 (bulletin page 7)

SERMON "The Next Generation"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

God calls us to love and serve with body, mind, and spirit through loving our sisters and brothers. May our hearts be opened in compassion that we may give generously on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. You may drop off your offering in the office, mail your gift, 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 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (bulletin page 6) (CCLI#2641445)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE "May Our God" arr. by Paul Cerlius
(to the tune of Edelweiss)

**May our God, Father God, bless and keep us forever.
May his Son, perfect Son shine thru every endeavor.
Spirit of God abide in us and forsake us never.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, love and guide us forever!**

Our worship is ended and our service begins.

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _



_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _



_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660–1716), in
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Joshua 24:1-3 and 14-25

¹Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ²Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you." ²¹ But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD." ²² Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

²³ "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him." ²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Psalms 78: 1-7

¹My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old- ³things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. ⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

