

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries
January 10, 2021 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.

The Altar flowers are placed in honor of all of the First Responders, Nurses and Doctors that are helping everyone during the Covid-19 pandemic, by Josie Harbaugh.

A Time of Gathering

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

George 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

Emily Rinella, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"Adore" (CCLI #7145507)

Arr. by Todd Beaney

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

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CALL TO WORSHIP

George Donner, Lector

Leader: We are gathered to worship our God.

People: Send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: We come from many places, with many burdens.

People: Send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: We turn our hearts to you, O God.

People: Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.

A Time of Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-loving God, you shine the Light of the World into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us when we still linger in the shadows, when we harm and speak ill of others whom you call friends. Forgive us when we disregard the path Jesus came to show us, when we fail to love all people as he did. Forgive us when we refuse to forgive, when pride keeps us from kneeling down and tying the shoes of the lost, the least, and the last. Hear now our silent prayers...

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF ASSURANCE (CCLI #31803)

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We are called to care for one another at all times whether we are together or apart. God hears our prayers whether spoken or in the aching of our hearts. Today we hold in prayer Jen Wentling and her family at the passing of her mother Mary Anne Shay and Harry Mowry and family on the death of his daughter Deborah. We also pray for Jodie Enterline as she recovers from knee surgery and for Wayne Hause and Colleen Cooper. Please continue to hold in prayer all essential workers, first responders, educators, and the staff and residents of The Grove and St. Paul's. Please feel free during the week to let the office 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 “Living Waters” (CCLI #7063743) Keith and Kristyn Getty
Ruth Herrick, Soloist

Are you thirsty, Are you empty, Come and drink these Living Waters
Time unbroken, Peace unspoken, Rest beside these Living Waters
Christ is calling, Find refreshing, At the cross of Living Waters
Lay your life down, On Thee, all come, Rise up in these Living Waters
There's a river that flows, With mercy and love, Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of Living Waters.
Spirit moving, Mercy washing, Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line, Life is in these Living Waters
There's a river that flows, With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God, There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of Living...

Dwelling in the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 1:4-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Acts 19:1-7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John's baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy

Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

SERMON

Waterborn(e)

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

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way” (bulletin page 6)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

arr. by Larry Shackley

Our worship is ended and our service begins.

MEDITATION: Alaric Hutchinson, Living Peace: Essential Teachings for Enriching Life
Living in the present moment is the recurring baptism of the soul, forever purifying every new day with a new you.

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. —
whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. —

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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.

