

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

June 6, 2021      Celebration Sunday and Holy Communion      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 Julie Hills, Lector

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 memory of my parents, by Ruth Woodworth.

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

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 LIGHT Kellen Ritzert, Acolyte

THE PRELUDE      "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"      Mary McDonald/Trad. American Melody

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP      1 Peter 4:10-11

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:      Glory to you, O God, the giver of great gifts according to your grace.

**People:      May today's worship glorify and celebrate those gifts.**

Leader:      Everlasting God, without you we can do no good thing; may your Spirit make us wise;

**People:      May your Spirit guide us;**

Leader:      May your Spirit renew us;

**People:      May your Spirit strengthen us so that we will be strong in faith,**

Leader:      Strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our church;

**People:      That with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people, offering to you their gifts and talents;**

OPENING HYMN "Come, Come, Everybody Worship"



Come! Come! Ev-ery-bod-y wor-ship with a prayer or song of praise!  
*¡Ven - gan to - dos a - do - re - mos con can - tos y o - ra - ción!*



Come! Come! Ev-ery-bod-y wor-ship! Wor-ship God al - ways!  
*¡Ven - gan to - dos a - do - re - mos a nues - tro Se - ñor!*



1. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber to keep the Sab-bath day.
2. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber the Lord's un - end - ing care,
3. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber your bless-ings great and small.
4. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber how Je - sus long a - go
5. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber that God is like a light,



Take a rest and think of God; put your work a - way!  
reach-ing out to love and help peo - ple ev - ery - where!  
Give to God an of - fer - ing; show your thanks for all!  
taught us how to talk to God; some-thing we should know!  
show-ing you the way to go; ev - er burn - ing bright!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in foolish ways. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers....**

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF PRAISE (Gloria Patri)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called us into fellowship as the body of Christ in this place. You have blessed us and enriched our lives through your Holy Word and Sacraments. You strengthen us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of mutual love and service in the world. For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation, we give our heartfelt thanks and praise.

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who lead and those who follow; for officers, elders, and ministries;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For musicians and choirs, for ushers and greeters, for lectors, for acolytes, for altar guilds, and for communion preparers and servers;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For prophets and seers, for teachers and preachers, for those who visit and for those who call;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For cleaners and dusters, maintainers and fixers, for those who cook and those who eat;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For administrators and helpers, for counters and record keepers, for bulletin folders and envelope stuffers;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who give and those who pray, for those who plan and those who guide; for those with wisdom and those with inspiration;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For students and teachers, for parents and grandparents, for loving sisters and brothers in Christ;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For our past and for our future, for the many ways that we embody Christ for the needy in the world, for mission and ministry and for a purpose for being the Church;

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Keep us ever close to your Word and Holy Sacraments, that we might find strength to endure to the end;

**People: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Leader: Bind us to your love, and through that love, to one another, for the sake of the gospel;

**People: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Leader: Make us cheerful givers and faithful workers for the kingdom of your Son;

**People: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Leader: Make us one in the body of Christ that we may acknowledge with gratefulness the importance of everyone in our congregation and all our gifts for the mission that you give us;

**People: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Leader: Lift up the weak among us. Heal the sick. Relieve the distressed. Comfort the mourning. Be our strong rock and a refuge to keep us safe.

**People: Hear our prayer, O Lord.** (You are invited to lift your prayers in silence)....

Leader: Bless our youth, and especially those who recently graduated. In all ways show your favor in their lives that they may live in virtue and faith and enrich the world by your calling.

**People: Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for all the good people of faith that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Multiply our gifts by your Holy Spirit. Be in our hands and our minds and our words that we might bring your love to the world. And prosper our work to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who teaches us to pray:

**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

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place,  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Are Family”

Pamela Steuart and Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir and Children’s Choir

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 New International Version

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with

everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

REFLECTION and THANK YOUs

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation/Prayer of Preparation

The Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Compassionate God, you are with us on our journey. Your love has warmed us and made us whole. Transform us into truly being the hands and feet of Jesus. Allow us to love and to serve. Give us the passion and the energy to transform our world into your reign, and give us the strength and confidence in ourselves we need to show the limitlessness of your love. This we ask, through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (page 6)

THE BENEDICTION and TAKING CHRIST’S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Meditation: James Matthew Barrie, author of *Peter Pan*

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.*

# Jesus Loves the Little Children

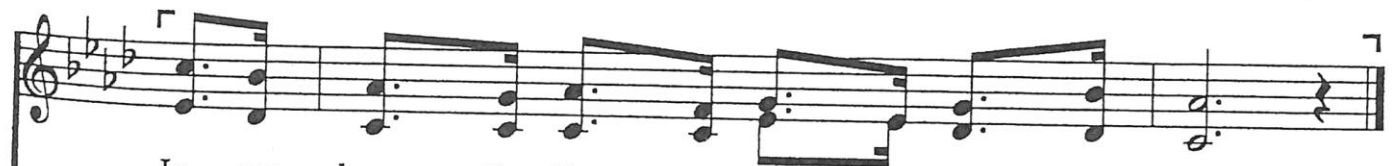
*Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them. Matthew 19:14*



1. Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the  
2. Je - sus died for all the chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the  
3. We must pray for all the chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the  
4. We must help the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the



world. Red, brown, ye! - low, black and white, They are pre - cious in His sight -  
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