

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

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*

June 20, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Lord's Prayer Part 2 of 7

Each week there will be multiple ways of seeing the ideas of the Lord's Prayer presented

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eleanore Donner, Lector

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

THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Presley Menold, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

Douglas E. Wagner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP James 1:16-18

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103)

Eleanore Donner, Lector

Leader: Come, bless the Lord with me!

**People: For the Lord is like a father to his children compassionate and merciful,
 filled with endless love.**

Leader: He forgives our sins, and heals the sickness inside us;

People: He surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives with good things!

Leader: Let's worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Rev. 4:8-11
Reginald Heber, 1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us that we call you “Our Father” but fail to live as your children. We do not trust you as we should, preferring instead to follow our own desires. We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying your instructions. We are slow to ask your guidance, but swift to forget you and wander from your side. We all too rarely thank you for what we have, but all too often complain when we do not receive what we ask for. Gracious God, our Father, we praise and thank you for your undeserved goodness, and we resolve today to live more faithfully as your children.

*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

*A SONG OF ASSURANCE (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.

~you may be seated~

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 thanksgiving and petitions on behalf of the church and the world. We pray for Gabriel Sobina, Lynn Marlowe, Rachel Lang, Keith Anderson, Pat Stearns, Dylan Groover and Haileigh Palmer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (This version of the Lord’s Prayer translated from the Syriac Aramaic by Neil Douglas Klotz in *Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus*. Aramaic is the language Jesus would have spoken.)

O, Birther of the Cosmos, focus your light within us -- make it useful. Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.

Grant us what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's guilt. Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do. The song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. I affirm this with my whole being.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - A Responsive Litany

Eleanore Donner, Lector

Come, bless the Lord with me! Let's remember together the many good things that he does for us.

For the Lord is like a father to his children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

He forgives all our sins, and heals the sickness within us; he saves us from a life of destruction, and surrounds us with love and mercy.

For the Lord is like a father to his children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

He fills our lives with good things, and renews our strength. He is righteous in all that he does, and brings justice to those who have been wronged.

For the Lord is like a father to his children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

He is not easily angered, nor does he remain angry forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, or punish us as harshly as he could.

For the Lord is like a father to his children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so strong is his love toward us. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

For the Lord is like a father to his children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

For he knows us, inside and out. He remembers how we were made—from the dust of the ground. Our lives on earth are short—like wildflowers in the field. But God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, from generation to generation, to those who remain in relationship with him; who listen to his voice, and do his will.

Bless the Lord! With all that we have and all that we are, we bless your holy name!

SERMON

God's Glory

Lord, teach us to pray. You give us, your children, the words to say, tell us what they mean; make them lead to you. Bring us we pray into that Presence within, where words end and where we rest in you. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (bulletin page 6)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "A Father's Quiet Strength" Lani Smith (CCLI#5381953)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (bulletin page 7)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Sing a New Song” Douglas E. Wagner

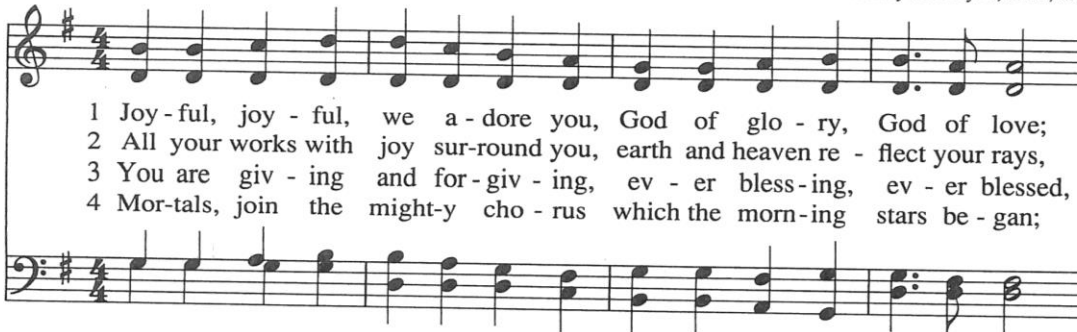
MEDITATION: Andrew Murray (1828-1917) served 60 years in the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

*First, **Thy** name, **Thy** kingdom, **Thy** will; then, give **us**, forgive **us**, lead **us**, deliver **us**. The lesson is of more importance than we think.*

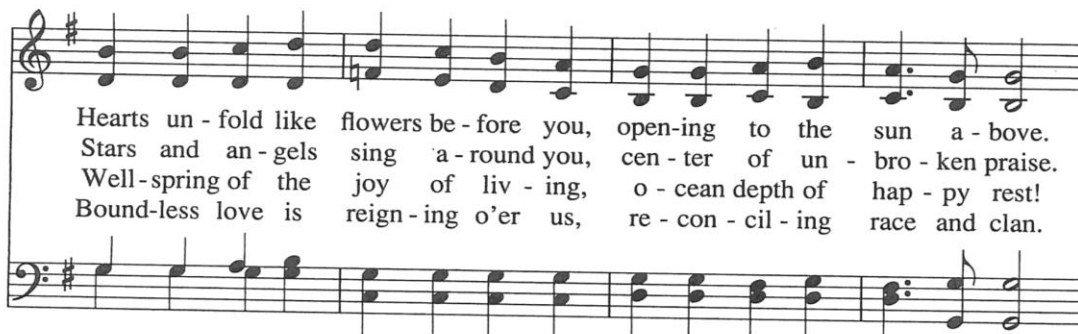
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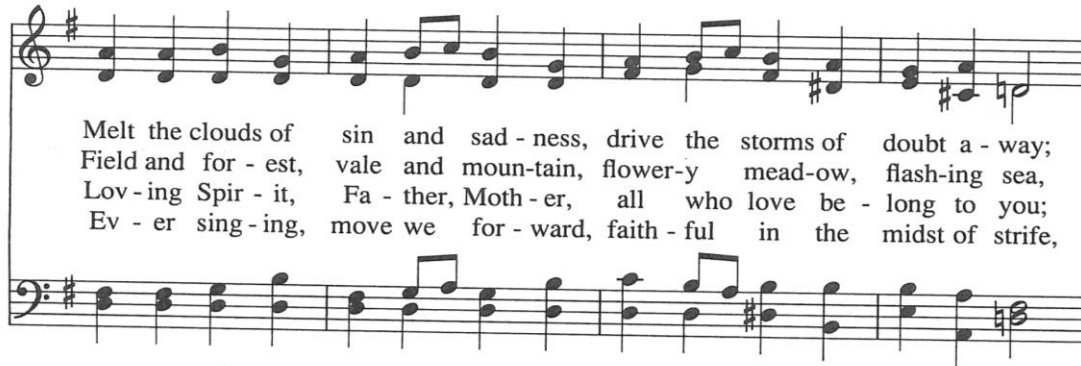
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*


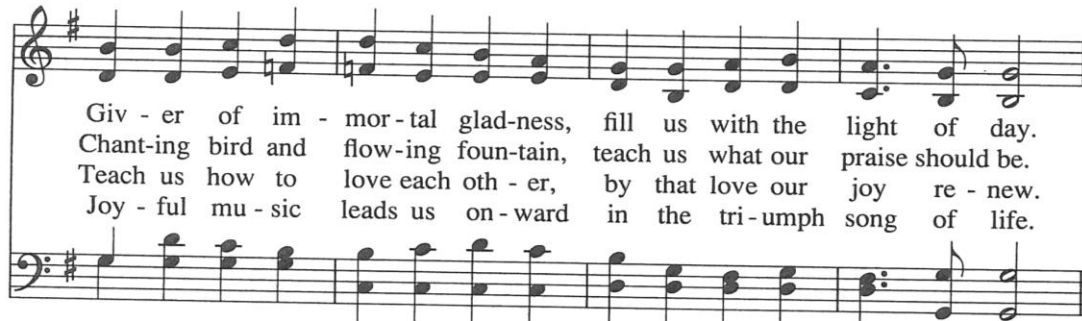
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing 'a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

GOD

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning and Happy Father's Day!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my dad Howard King, by Carol Ann Cash.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of Jim Saal, by Carol and Family.

The rose bud on the altar is placed in honor of the 69th wedding anniversary of Bob and Jean Fagley, by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 and Elders will be installed.

The Prayer Chain will meet after worship in the Jackson Conference Room.

LOOKING AHEAD

Vacation Bible School will be held July 26 through July 30 from 6:00-8:00 pm in Fisher Hall. A family picnic will be held on Sunday, August 1 at Hempfield Park.

The Good Shepherd Center will hold a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all their volunteers on Thursday, July 1 at 6:00 at the Knights of Columbus. Please sign up at the GSC if you will be attending.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5.

The Finance and Consistory meetings will be Wednesday, July 7.

The Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group will meet in the Anderson Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm beginning July 6. This is a community event and everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please see Pastor Glenn Sadler.