

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
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**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*

August 1, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
VBS Sunday

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josie Harbaugh, 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (From Vacation Bible School)

Perseverance: Galatians 6:9 **Integrity:** Proverbs 10:9 **Honesty:** Ephesians 4:25

Self Control: Psalms 141:3 **Courage:** Psalms 56:3

OLYMPIC PROCESSION

Vacation Bible School Group

SPECIAL MUSIC

Never Give Up, Do Lord, What a Mighty God We Serve

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Josie Harbaugh, Lector

Leader: We are people being formed in God's image day by day. Let us not become
weary in doing good,

People: For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Leader: The person with integrity walks securely,

People: But the one who takes crooked paths will be found out.

Leader: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;

People: Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Leader: Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your
neighbor,

People: For we are all members of one body.

Leader: We need not be afraid

People: For we trust in God whom we worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN “This Is the Day” (bulletin page 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have promised to live as your people, O God. Yet we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. We do not work together as one to your glory. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us as we offer our prayers of confession to you....

*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

*A SONG OF ASSURANCE (Gloria Patri)

Glorify 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 TIME Olympic Lessons

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 Rachel Lang, April Konig, Bruce Wolff, Linda Schehl, and Mary Jo Bartnicki.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 New International Version

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer

beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

SERMON *Going for the Gold*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" Natalie Sleeth

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table" (bulletin page 7)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing the Elements

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty, God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, 3X
Let it shine, let it shine, let shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. 3X
Let it shine, let it shine, let shine.

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine 3X
 Let it shine, let it shine, let shine.

Share my light with others? Yes! I'm gonna let it shine 3X
 Let it shine, let it shine, let shine.

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Bible tells us what Jesus said about us — his team: 'You are like light for the whole world. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. (Mathew 5:14,16)

***THE POSTLUDE**

"Lord of All"

Israel/Gustafson

MEDITATION: The Olympic Creed

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well. Baron de Coubertin adapted from a sermon by Bishop Ethelbert Talbot (1908)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Hills is providing worship music while Lori is on vacation.

Special thanks to the children who participated in Vacation Bible School for providing special music.

A big thanks to the awesome ladies who planned and led VBS this past week: Pastor June, Lynn Rinella, Karen Wig, Debbie Frerotte, Jen Wentling and Julie Hills.

The flower arrangements are placed in memory of my mother Rena King, by Carol Ann Cash.

The ushers today are children from this past week's VBS program.

Serving Communion are Teri Swartzbeck and Karen Galus.

MORNING

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This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.

St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison

$E\flat$ $B\flat 7$

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

$E\flat$

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

$E\flat$ $E\flat/B\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
 Les Garrett, 1967

HOLY COMMUNION

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As We Gather at Your Table

*Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24**Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989*

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia

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