

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*

August 15, 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

Betsy Fischer, 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.

PRELUDE

"The Lone, Wild Bird" arr. by Anthony Giamanco
(CCLI#4176009)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Psalm 70:4

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 12:3-6)

Betsy Fischer, Lector

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD!

People: Praise God's name!

Leader: Tell the whole world what God has done—

People: God's mighty acts on our behalf.

Leader: Sing to the LORD,

People: for God has done wonderful things for us!

Leader: Raise your hearts and voices! Shout and sing your praise!

People: For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

*GATHERING SONG "Glorify Thy Name" (CCLI #1383) (Bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God of all creation, we come to you from our storm-tossed lives to seek your peace; we come to you with our questions and uncertainties, our worries and anxieties. We have not relied on your word or wisdom, we have not shown concern or compassion when we should have; we have not loved our neighbor as we love ourselves. We have remained silent when we should have spoken and spoken when we should have been silent. We lay our weakness before you in silence....

*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 Rachel Lang, April Konig, Bruce Wolff, Linda Schehl, Mary Jo Bartnicki, David Donner and Loren Allison, Jr.

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 Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 6:14-24** New International Version

¹⁴After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

SERMON *Looking for Jesus*

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your Word and as we think on these things, open our hearts and our minds to hear you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Hymn Sing

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Like a River Glorious" arr. by Lisa Hoekstra

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (bulletin page 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE "I Love Thee" Patty Drennan

MEDITATION: Janet Autherine

Sprinkled in with the beauty and joy of life will be storms. These storms will require you to anchor yourself to your faith until your rainbow arrives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flower arrangements are placed in memory of W. H. Knierman and Clara Jones, by the Baker Family.

Meal will be served at The Good Shepherd Center on August 23.

The Prayer Chain meets Sunday, August 29.

Preschool Orientation is September 2.

Rally Day and Potluck on September 12.

The Community Service Day mentioned in the newsletter is September 12.

Preschool begins on September 7 and the classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The back door to the church will be locked in the mornings and you can enter the front door by ringing the buzzer. Thank you for your understanding of our children's safety.

DATE CHANGE

Consistory and Finance will meet on **September 8** instead of September 1.

Glorify Thy Name

C F/C C G7 F/G G7 C2 C Em7 C/E

2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy thy

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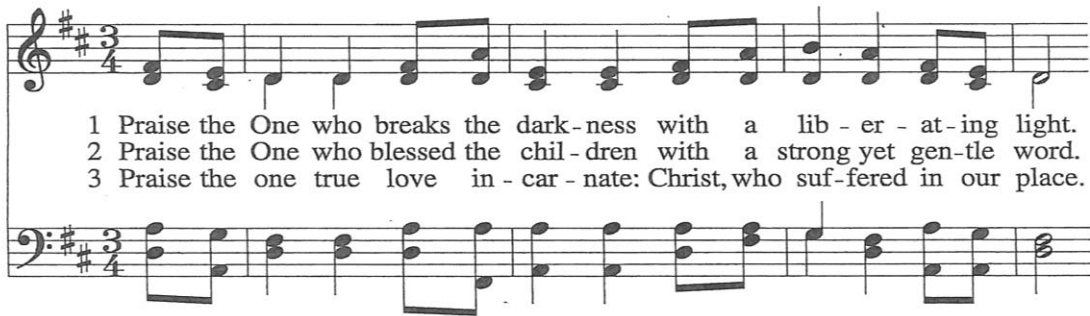
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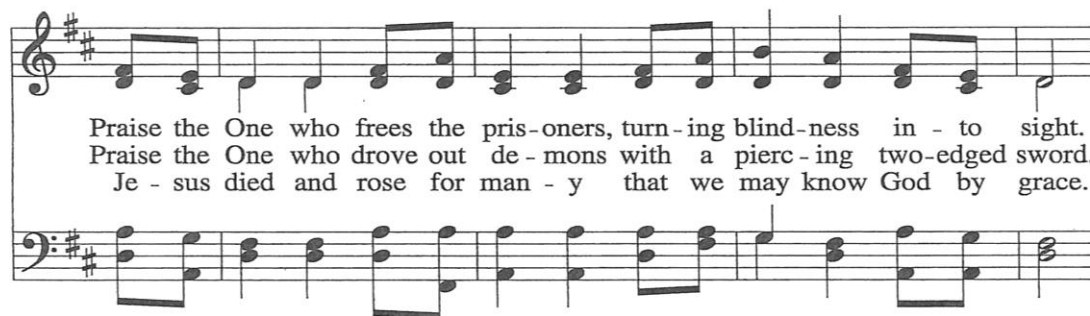
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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93



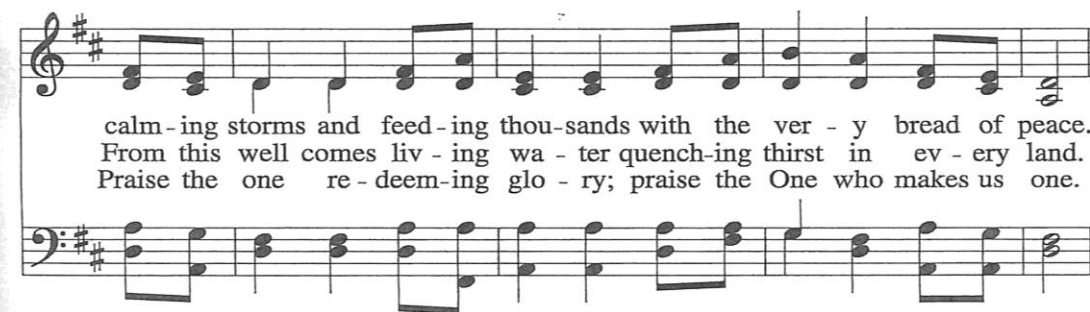
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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