

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 22, 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

George 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.

PRELUDE

"Prospect"

Douglas E. Wagner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Psalm 78:23-24, 29

*God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; God rained down on them
manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; God
sent them food in abundance. And they ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they
craved.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

George Donner, Lector

Leader: God, your majesty and glory surround us here.

**People: We've come together to celebrate your presence, and to offer songs of praise
and worship.**

Leader: We've come to rejoice in your mighty acts,

People: to retell the story of your goodness throughout history and in our own lives.

Leader: Move among us as we worship together;

**People: may your Spirit guide and inspire our thoughts and actions as we spend this
time in your presence.**

*GATHERING SONG

"For the Life That You Have Given" (CCLI #4034397)
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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*)

Gracious God, we say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives--not ours--but others who need it. Forgive us, Holy One. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Hear now our silent prayers....

*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, Loren Allison, Jr., and David Donner.

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 LESSONS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 New International Version

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around

pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

John 6:25-34 New International Version

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

SPECIAL MUSIC “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” (CCLI#77692) by Charles H. Gabriel
Joan Wentling, Soprano Soloist

SERMON *Perishable Things*

*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.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Wonderful Words of Life" (CCLI #47392)

Philip P. Bliss, 1874; alt.

1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
 2 Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
 3 Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;

let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der - ful words of life;
 sin - ner, wake to the lov - ing call, won-der - ful words of life;
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won-der - ful words of life;

Words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 All so free - ly giv - en, our sure hope of heav - en.
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, keep me with you for - ev - er.

Refrain

Beau-ti - ful words, won-der - ful words, won-der - ful words of life.

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Philip Bliss wrote this text and tune for the first issue of Words of Life (1874). A few years later it was sung as a duet during an evangelistic campaign and became popular immediately.

Tune: WORDS OF LIFE C.M. with refrain
 Philip P. Bliss, 1874

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Hiding In Thee" (CCLI#7082485) arr. by Anna Laura page

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (CCLI #231270)

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*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

"He Keeps Me Singing"
(CCLI# 7021326)

arr. by Mark Hayes

MEDITATION: Tyron Edwards (1809-1894) Congregational Church Minister

Happiness is like manna; it is to be gathered in grains, and enjoyed every day. It will not keep; it cannot be accumulated; nor have we got to go out of ourselves or into remote places to gather it, since it has rained down from a Heaven, at our very door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meal at The Good Shepherd Center will be served tomorrow evening.

The Prayer Chain will meet next Sunday after worship.

The church kitchen will be cleaned on Wednesday, September 1 from 4:00-6:00. Helpers are needed! Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

The office will be closed Monday, September 6.

The Finance Ministry and Consistory will meet Wednesday, September 8 (note change in date)

RALLY DAY is September 12! Sunday School begins again at 9:15.

A Potluck All-Church picnic will be held Sunday, September 12 at Hempfield Park, Pavilion #1 at 1:00.

In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Fisher Hall.

The Immerse Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 14. If you would like to participate, please let Julie know.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

684 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble staff is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and the bass staff maintains a steady accompaniment.

here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring;

The third system of music follows the same pattern. The treble staff contains the vocal line, and the bass staff provides the accompaniment.

give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The final system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line, and the bass staff continues with a few final notes.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in
shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications,

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 all who be - lieve. The seed of grace the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.