

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*
September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Seeley, 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 “Whispering Hope” (CCLI#6212447) arr. by Patti Drennan

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Matthew 4:4

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Seeley , Lector

Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

People: Jesus is the living bread!

Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

People: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.

*OPENING HYMN “Spirit of the Living God” (bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious and loving God, we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us. Now with this new day we turn to you again for the bread of life that you have prepared for us and for the wine of the Spirit that you pour out for your people. Help us Lord, to empty ourselves of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love. Fill us with those things that tend to make us all that you want us to be. We need your presence Lord. We need your touch. Touch us, we pray, and make us whole. 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 TIME

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. Today we pray for Rachel Lang, April Konig, Bruce Wolff, Linda Schehl, Mary Jo Bartnicki, Loren Allison, Jr., David Donner and Fred 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 John 6:44-51 New International Version

⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

SPECIAL MUSIC

Selections from "Godspell" Stephen Schwartz/Norman Leyden
Lori Seinar Roknick, Vocals/Piano

SERMON *Bread of Life*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “Beside Still Waters” (CCLI#7114436) Nathan Cort

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION HYMN “Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts” (bulletin page 6)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Blessing the Elements

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” (bulletin page 7)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE “Go Ye Into All the World” (CCLI# 7116418) John Turner

MEDITATION: Nikolai Berdyaev (1874-1948) Russian religious and political philosopher
Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed Monday, September 6.

Consistory will meet Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00.

Next Sunday is RALLY DAY! Sunday School begins at 9:15 in Fisher Hall for students in Preschool through Sixth Grade All adults are welcome to attend the class in the Anderson Lounge led by Pastor Glenn and Carol Holler.

The Immerse Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 14 at 11:00.

The Ministry of Service and Missions will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00.

All who love to sing are welcome to join the chancel choir! Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00.

Next Sunday we return to the sanctuary for worship.

HELP WANTED

The Good Shepherd Center is looking for a part-time custodian. The position is Monday thru Friday, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, requires some heavy lifting up to 50 lbs. Please contact Janet Smith at 724-866-1340.

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

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Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
 Transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.

John 6:52-58; Heb. 13:8

1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to
 3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our chang - ing
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our mo - ments

light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts
 call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;
 on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
 lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
 calm and bright! Oh, chase the cloud of sin a - way!

we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 to those who find you, life is new.
 our thirst - y souls from you we fill.
 blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.
 Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Bernard, founder of the monastery at Clairvaux, was respected by popes and royalty alike. From the forty-two-verse Latin poem, American Congregational minister Ray Palmer freely translated selected verses to create this version.

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.
 (QUEBEC)
 Henry W. Baker, 1854

GOD

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

1 Guide me, O my great Re-deem-er, pil-grim through this bar-ren
 2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, where the heal-ing wa-ters
 3 When I reach the Riv-er Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious fears sub-

land; I am weak, but you are might-y; hold me with your power-ful
 flow. Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my jour-ney
 side. Death of death, and hell's de-struc-tion, land me safe on heav-en's

hand. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I want no more,
 through. Strong de-liv-erer, ev-er be my strength and shield,
 side. Songs of prais-es I will ev-er sing to you,

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The Thomas Hastings tune for this text is popular in the United States. A self-taught musician, Hastings was a colleague of Lowell Mason in New York City, where they worked together to raise the standard of worship music.

Tune: ZION 8.7.8.7.4.7.4.7.
 Thomas Hastings, 1830
 Alternate setting: CWM RHONDDA