

**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 19, 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

Sue Nicklin, 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 ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Nolan Wig, Acolyte

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Larry Shackley

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP      James 3:13

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done  
with gentleness born of wisdom.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

Sue Nicklin, Lector

Leader:      We rejoice and praise your holy name today, O Lord,

**People:      Because you have kept us from a destructive path.**

Leader:      We give thanks because your word gives us hope,

**People:      We reflect on your word at all times.**

Leader:      You are the Source of our deep faith,

**People:      And our spirits are refreshed in your presence.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Teach Me, O Lord” (bulletin page 5)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, creator of all that is, seen and unseen, our delight is in your word and we  
have a deep sense of your presence when we allow it to fill our lives night and day. For the  
times when we listen to the advice of those who rebel against you, Lord have mercy. For**

**those times when we can be found with those who scorn, Christ have mercy. For those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance, Lord have mercy. Merciful God, renew us by your nurture and blessing, so that we may prosper in your ways. Watch over us, so that the ways of the wicked pass from us. Hear now our prayers....**

\*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

\*A SONG OF ASSURANCE

I need you every hour, O God of grace. The voice your peace affords, I now embrace. I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to you.

*~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 continue to the family of Renee Bost in prayer as the family gathered yesterday to lay her to rest. Today we pray for April Konig, Bruce Wolff, Linda Schehl, David Donner, and Pat Houpt.

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

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Mark 9:30-37 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

CHOIR ANTHEM      “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”      Jane Holstein

SERMON      *Fear of Missing Out*

*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.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music    “O Praise Him”    Smith/McDonald

\*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    “Lamb of God” (bulletin page 6)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE      “Let the Whole Creation Cry”      Lloyd Larson

MEDITATION: Albert Pine -19<sup>th</sup> Century English Author

*What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world, is and remains immortal.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Altar Flowers are in memory Richard Houpt, by Pat Houpt.
- The Immerse Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Jackson Conference Room.
- The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:00 pm. If you like to sing, come and join us!!
- Pastor June and Julie will be out of the office on September 23 to attend a St. Paul's Board Retreat.
- The Prayer Chain meets the last Sunday of every month after the service.
- The piano students of Lori Seinar-Roknick will hold a recital on Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!
- The Good Shepherd Center Executive Committee meets Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at the GSC.
- The Pastor Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 29 at 10:30 am.

## NURTURE

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## Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

*William Matson, 1866; alt.*

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,  
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace  
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er  
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,  
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;  
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;  
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find  
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,  
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,  
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.  
 to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.  
 and keep me in your shel - tering care.  
 and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

*William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister.*

Tune: ROCKINGHAM I.M

# Lamb of God

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29  
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Unison

1. Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your  
 2. Your gift of love they cru-ci-fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He  
 3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

side To walk up-on this guilt-y sod, And to be-come the Lamb of God.  
 died; The hum-ble King they named a fraud, And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.  
 side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the

ho-ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre-cious

last time rit.

blood. 1.2. My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
 3. Till I am just a lamb of God.