

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

October 3, 2021 World Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

The Altar Flowers are in memory of my brother, by Janet Cooper.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Fowler, 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 RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

THE PRELUDE

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"
(CCLI#7121852)

Tracey Craig-McKibben

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36)

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,

People: your faithfulness to the skies.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

People: your justice like the great deep.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People: People feast on the abundance of your house;

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: in your light we see light.

*GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In" (bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and between churches, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Hear now our silent 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.

~please be seated~

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 LESSON **Luke 14:12-23** New International Version

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'

SERMON *Room at the Table*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory Music "Perfect" Jon Schmidt

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Dedication

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Find Forgiveness and Love" (CCLI#7082014) Besig/Price

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

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.

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed God, three in one, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives;

where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 332 “As We Gather at Your Table” (bulletin page 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

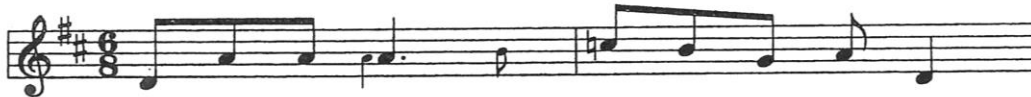
*THE POSTLUDE

“Great Things”

Todd Beaney

MEDITATION: The first World Communion service was at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

HOLY COMMUNION

332

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 for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
The Sacred Harp, 1844

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER IS
PASTA, RICE OR DRY GRAINS
BARRELS ARE LOCATED IN THE FRONT AND BACK LOBBIES OF THE CHURCH

FLEECE BLANKETS

We will continue making fleece blankets on Sunday, October 17 after church. The blankets will be given to Hoffman Homes when they are completed. As always, you are welcome to take one home to complete.

BACKPACK PACKING

We are scheduled to pack backpacks on Tuesday, October 19. Please contact Leslie Graul if you are interested in helping.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are two scholarships available to anyone who is enrolled in a college or university and who has not previously received the Forsyth or Cooper scholarships. Please contact Julie for an application.

FALL FESTIVAL

November 6 from 10:00-2:00

We are still accepting vendors if you know of anyone who would like to purchase a table. We are still looking for quilts that were made by the Zion's Quilters. If you won a quilt and would like to display it for the quilt show, please let Julie know.