

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*

October 10, 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

Julie Hills, 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 and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

PRELUDE “Andante Grazioso (from the A Major Sonata) W. A. Mozart

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Psalm 52:7

See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Hills, Lector

Leader: In God's mercy, we are rich.

People: With you, O Lord, all things are possible.

Leader: In Jesus' love, we are welcomed.

People: In you, O Lord, we find our home.

Leader: In the Spirit's peace, we are satisfied.

People: We bless you, O Lord, and praise your name forever.

Leader: We gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN “Cry of My Heart” (CCLI#844980) (bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Merciful God, our hope lies in our belief that what seems impossible for us is possible with you. As we offer our prayers to you in silence, renew our faith and help us put our trust in you.

*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. Today we pray for April Konig, 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31 New Revised Standard Version

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

CHOIR ANTHEM “You Are My All in All” (CCLI#825356) Dennis Jernigan/Lloyd Larson

SERMON *Possibilities*

*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 “Bouree” G. F. Handel

*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 NO. 465 “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way” (Bulletin page 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (Prayer of St. Francis) Sebastian Temple

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You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my son Steven and daughter Cindy, by Myrna Snyder and Family.

The Ministry of Christian Education and Youth will meet after the service today.

The Ministry of Service and Missions will meet Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00.

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!!

The Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected next Sunday.

A fleece blanket work party will be held next Sunday after the service in Fisher Hall.

We will pack backpacks on Tuesday, October 19. Please let Leslie Graul know if you can help.

Refrain

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low you.



It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low



all of the days of my life. ____

Fine

1. Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, —

2. O - pen my eyes so I _____ can see the



so I can walk in your truth. —
won - der - ful things that you do. ____



Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, and make me
O - pen my heart up more — and more, and make me



whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. ____
whol - ly de - vot - ed to you. ____

D.C.

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.