

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*

October 17, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Neighbors in Need Offering

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Allison, 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

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE

"Prelude in Classical Style"

Gordon Young/Lani Smith

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Allison, Lector

Leader: Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you, may we speak truth, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

People: May we pray in faith, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

Leader: May we sing with joy, So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

People: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts, so that your words may give grace to us who hear.

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" (bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we pray for forgiveness this day. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us.

Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. Hear our silent prayers, in Christ's name....

*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 peace your voice 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

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 10:35-45 New International Version (NIV)

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” based on an Indian folk tune/John Carter
Julie Hills, Primo/Lori Seinar-Roknick, Secondo

SERMON *Priorities*

*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 “Kum Ba Yah” (Come by Here) John Carter

*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 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” (bulletin page 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach

MEDITATION: Ezra T. Benson

Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are in memory of the 95th birthday of Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa, by Teri, Brian, Vicki, Sarah, James, Colson, Alaina, Hannah and Jimmy.

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!!**

A **fleece blanket work party** will be held today after the service in Fisher Hall.

Backpack packing will be Tuesday, October 19. Please contact Leslie Graul if you are interested in helping.

The All Saints Day Service is October 31.

The Prayer Chain will meet Sunday, October 31 after the service.

Finance and Consistory will meet Wednesday, November 3.

Stewardship Sunday and Holy Communion are November 7.

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1 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 2 We'll praise his name for - ev - er, we'll praise his name for -
 3 We'll give him all the glo - ry, we'll give him all the
 4 For he a - lone is wor - thy, for he a - lone is

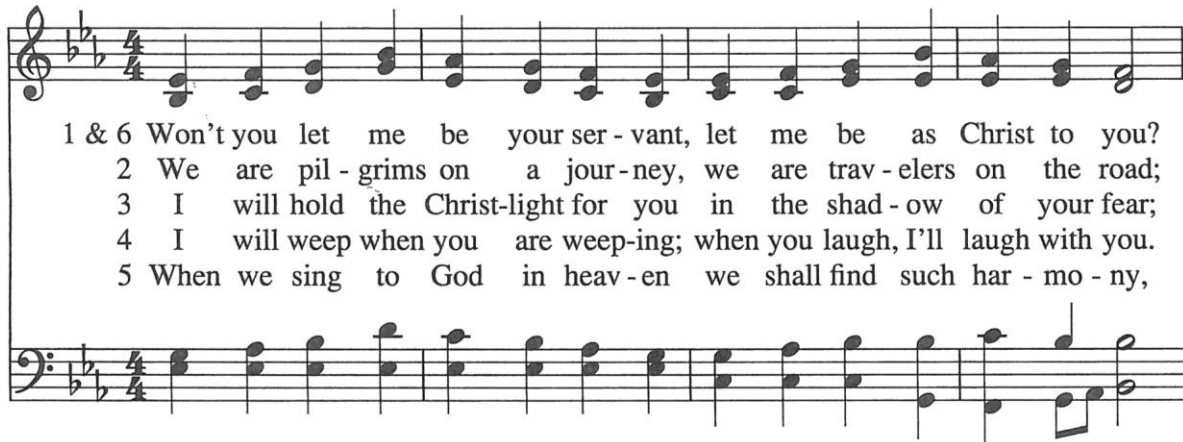
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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

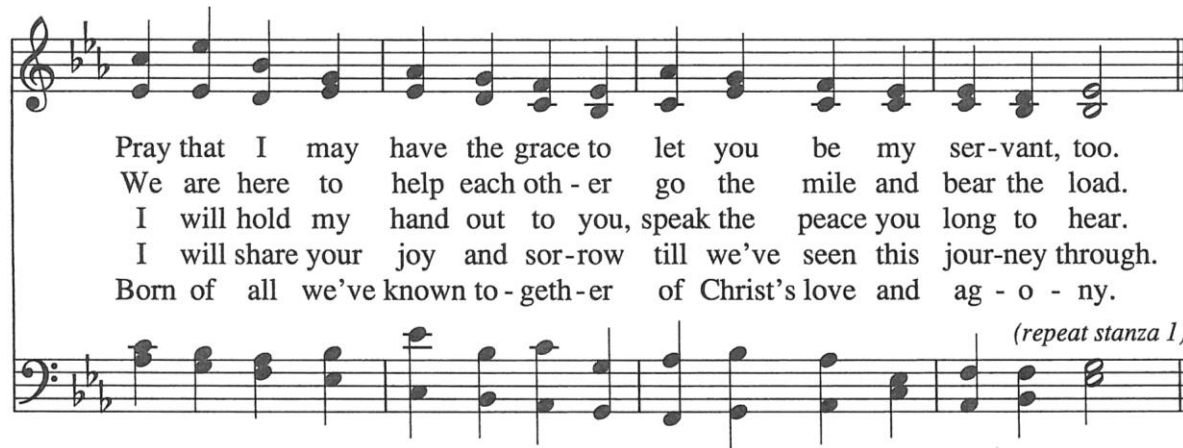
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
 Richard Gillard, 1977
 Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.