

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 24, 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

Vikki Young, 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 "Air" (from the D Major Suite) (CCLI#796791) J. S. Bach/Lani Smith

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Ecclesiastes 1:8b-9

The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 34:1-5)

Vikki Young, Lector

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times.

People: I will never stop praising God.

Leader: I sought the Lord and he answered me.

People: God delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

People: May all who are humble listen and be glad.

Leader: Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness.

People: Let us praise God's name together.

*OPENING HYMN "Lord, You Are Welcome" (CCLI #3313765) (bulletin page 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (written by Nancy Townley, www.ministrymatters.com)

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are.

Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Hear 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 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

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.

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 10:46-52 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout,

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Shine, Jesus Shine” (CCLI#30426) Graham Kendrick/Tom Fettke

SERMON *Seeing with Eyes of Faith*

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 “Largo (from Guitar Concerto) Antonio Vivaldi/Lani Smith

*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 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (CCLI #15960) (bulletin page 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “With Trumpets and Horns” (from Water Music) (CCLI#2359043)

G. F. Handel/Lani Smith

MEDITATION: Ursula K. LeGuin from “Gifts”

We scarcely know how much of our pleasure and interest in life comes to us through our eyes until we have to do without them; and part of that pleasure is that the eyes can choose where to look.

FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 6
10:00-2:00

We have 23 crafters coming to the festival who will be selling items such as

- Holiday crafts
- Children's books
 - Wreaths
- Books on trains and trolleys
- Uniform scrub tops
 - Jewelry
 - Hair bows
 - Gnomes
 - Snowmen
- And more!!

Several quilts made by our quilting group will be displayed in the Chapel and you will have two chances to win a quilt!

Lunch in Fisher Hall includes vegetable soup, walking tacos, sloppy joes, haluski, corn dogs and more!

ALL SAINTS DAY
will be celebrated on
Sunday, October 31.

A candle will be lit for everyone in our congregation who has died this past year.

Lord, You Are Welcome

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- 1. Lord, you are wel - come in this place.
- 2. Send your a - noint - ing in this place.
- 3. Move by your Spir - it in this place.
- 4. Heal and de - liv - er in this place.

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Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. — John 10:10 LEMMEL
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1 O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2 *Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we*
 3 His word shall not fail you - He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

1 dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And
 2 *fol - low Him there; O - ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion - For*
 3 all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

1 life more a - bun - dant and free!
 2 *more than con - querors we are!* Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,
 3 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Look full in His won - der - ful face, And the things of

earth will grow strange - ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.