

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

October 31, 2021      Celebration of All Saints Day      10:30 a.m.  
Reformation Sunday

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Henry, 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 THE LIGHT

THE PRELUDE

"The Name of Our God"

arr. by John Cumberland

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP    Isaiah 25:9

*It will be said on that day, "This is our God for whom we have waited, so that the Lord might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 24)

Leader:      The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

**People:      the world and its inhabitants too.**

Leader:      Who can ascend the Lord's mountain? Who can stand in the holy sanctuary?

**People:      Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart; the one who hasn't made  
false promises, the one who is not dishonest.**

Leader:      That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the  
God who saves.

**People:      Blessed be the generation that seeks the face of God.**

\*OPENING HYMN    "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (bulletin page 5)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy servants. We have not always acted as children of God. We confess that we have left undone things we should have done, and we have done and said things that we should not have done and said. For those times when we have sinned against you even unintentionally, we ask your forgiveness. But we pray that you, will forgive us and increase our faith that we may rise to live before you in righteousness and true holiness. Hear us now as we offer our silent prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, your obedient and faithful Son....**

\*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~*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL

Revelation 21:1-6

**21** Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

## CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

This is a time of recognizing and honoring those who left this earthly realm in the past year. As each name is read, we will light a candle in remembrance of the light that shines in our lives by the life and example of these dear souls. Those members who have died since last All Saints' Day:

Sam Alexander

Jack Christman

Marlene Fry

Wayne Scott

Grace Eckelberger

Kelly Lininger

Renee Bost

Dolores Johns

Margaret "Peg" Perkins

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles' 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 and sits at the right hand of God the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHOIR ANTHEM      "A Rose in the Valley" (CCLI#4246886)      Joseph Martin

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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 John 11:32-44 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

SERMON *A Matter of Life and Death*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory Music "Be Still" arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

\*The 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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "For All the Saints" (CCLI# 2645678) (bulletin page 6)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "May Christ Dwell in You" (CCLI #7125980) P. Mock/F. Lopez

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (CCLI#7116587) Larry Shackley

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*Perhaps that is where our choice lies—in determining how we will meet the inevitable end of things, and how we will greet each new beginning.*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*Martin Luther, c. 1529**Ps. 46**Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

*There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529 when Lutheran German princes protested the*

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.  
*Martin Luther, c. 1529*

*Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930: 46*

ALL SAINTS DAY

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For All the Saints

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the  
 2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
 3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the  
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead - fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,  
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a  
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our  
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 faith - ful lives en - twine.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

*This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity*

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906