

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*

January 9, 2022 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

Danielle Powell, 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

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

arr. by Michael Cox

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP 1 Thessalonians 1:3

*We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted
by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Bruce Prewer)

Danielle Powell, Lector

Leader: Let us start this service well, reminding ourselves that it is not we
 who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us,

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

People: but because of Christ's grace,

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

*OPENING HYMN "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (bulletin page 4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, if you kept a record of wrong—O Lord, who could stand? We confess and lament that we have broken your laws, neglected your worship, and wounded our neighbors. But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness; in you there is steadfast love and plentiful redemption. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and redeem us from all our iniquities that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Hear now our silent prayers....

***A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

***THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE**

Those who trust in God are rooted by streams of healing water. We are released from the bonds of dis-ease, the power of evil, and shielded from falsehood and illusion that we may find the blessing of new life through the power of Christ. Amen.

***A SONG OF ASSURANCE**

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982

1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This Gloria may be sung as a round.

~you may be seated~

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 17:7-8 New International Version

⁷ But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:6-11 New International Version

⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

SERMON *Seeds of Faith*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "My Tribute" Andrae Crouch

Lori Seinar-Roknick, vocals and piano

*Doxology

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light, To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (bulletin pages 5 and 6)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Sinfonia No. 12 Antonio Vivaldi/Lani Smith

MEDITATION Robert Southey

No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.

FAITH

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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*Georg Neumark, 1641**Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.**Ps. 55:22*

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
 heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
 will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
 there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
 guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
 Georg Neumark, 1657

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications,

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 12

Finance will meet at 6:00 and Consistory will meet at 7:00.

JANUARY 16

Next Sunday is Pastor June's last Sunday and Rev. David Ackerman, Penn West Conference Minister will lead the Liturgy of Farewell and preach the sermon. A reception for Pastor June will be held in the Anderson Lounge after the service. We will also hold Baptism next Sunday.

JANUARY 18

At 6:30 we will hold a Global Missions Evening with missionaries from Indonesia! We will be welcoming, via ZOOM, Karen and John Campbell-Nelson. The event will be held in the chapel and refreshments will be served after in Anderson Lounge. Everyone is welcome!

JANUARY 23 AND 30

Pastor Glenn will lead the service.

JANUARY 30

The Prayer Chain will meet in the chapel.