

## James 15: 1-8 (NKJV)

### The True Vine

**15** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He <sup>[a]</sup> takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you <sup>[b]</sup> will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

## WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

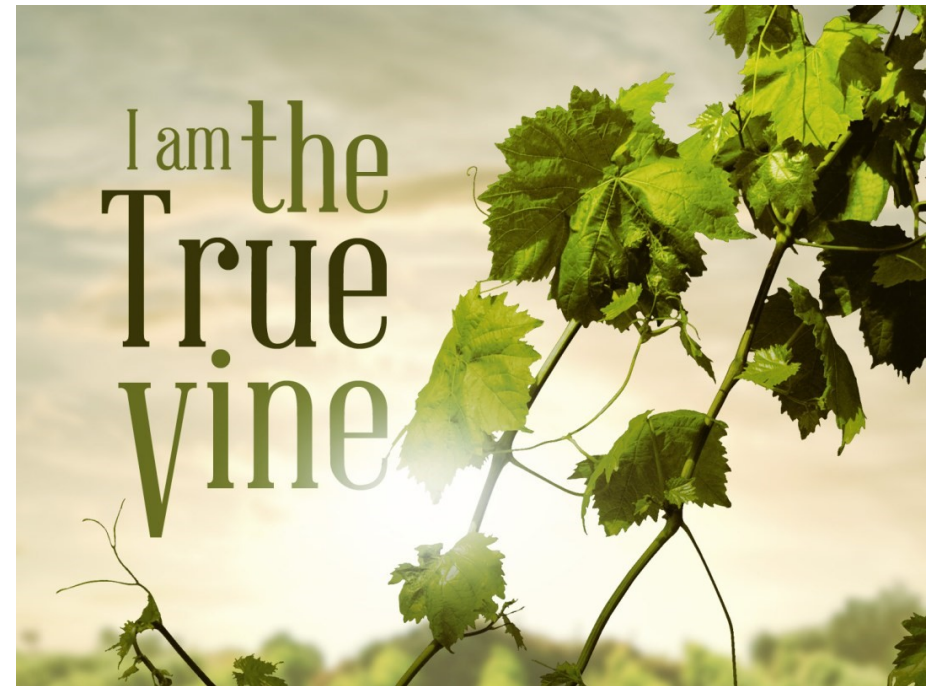
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*Welcome to Zion's  
Reformed Church.*

*We're glad you're  
here!*

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother Elizabeth "Betty" Williams, by her family.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard to the pulpit today. Thank you for being here!

Ushering today are Elaine Wilkins, Sandy Harter, Lori Tofani and Sherry Winner.

Serving Communion are Lynn Rinella, Vikki Young, Linda Allison, Dan Douthett and Chris Stockner.

Children are invited to the Youth Center for an activity after the Children's Sermon.

Everyone is welcome to the Anderson Lounge after the service for snacks and refreshments.

**Large Print Bulletins** and children's activity books are available in the back of the sanctuary.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

We will be packing backpacks on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 at the Methodist Church.

Consistory will meet Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00.

The Ministry of Christian Education and Youth will meet Sunday, February 13 after worship.

Ministry of Service and Missions - Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00.

The Prayer Chain - Sunday, February 27 after worship.

The Choir will not rehearse on Thursdays, but will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ is to support all people to live a life of worship, fellowship and service to others through the teachings of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior.



If you have not been to the Thrift Store lately, please stop in! The volunteers have cleaned up and rearranged the store and it really looks good! And you won't believe the bargains you will find!

If you have clothing or household items to donate, the Thrift Store is open Monday thru Friday from 10:00-4:00.

If you would like to donate items to the Food Pantry, the request this month is **CANNED FRUIT**. Please leave your donations in one of the barrels at the front and back entrances of the church.

Our Theme Tree in the front lobby needs some ornaments! Bring in your snowflakes, snowmen or valentines.



## ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

February 6, 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 Bob Fischer, 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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Bethany K. Smith

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* -John 4:24

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Joanna Harader) Bob Fischer, Lector

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**People: May we grow wildly, as God tends us lovingly.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"  
(Hymnal Page 270, Bulletin Page 6)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

\*A SONG OF PRAISE "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

*~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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Are Made for Praise" Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:1-8 (back of bulletin) Bob Fischer



AARP TaxAide volunteers will be preparing and e-filing income tax for low income and elderly clients at the Greenville VFW on Conneaut Lake Road. There are also sites at the Hickory VFW and West Middlesex VFW. This is a FREE service.

Tax preparation appointments can be made by calling 211, Option 1 starting January 20, 2022.

If you have any problems connecting with 211, try 888-665-6923, Option 1.



We will be taking our turn to pack food for the BACKPACK PROGRAM on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 at the Methodist Church on Clinton St. If you are interested in helping, please notify Leslie Graul at 724-456-3947.

**ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Pastor Glenn leads an Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group in the Anderson Lounge on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00. The sessions are open to anyone in the community. The next meeting will be February 1. For more information, please contact Pastor Glenn or the church office.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Christmas tree in the front lobby has become a theme tree. If you have (or can make) snowflakes or valentines, please bring them in to decorate the tree. The tree will remain up until the steeple project is complete.

### CLEANING STAFF

You may see two familiar faces around the church during the week. Dan and Betty Langietti have been hired to clean the church and began on February 1. They will work 10 hours per week.



SERMON "God of Wrath, God of Mercy" Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "There I Will Find Comfort" Janet Vogt

\*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

### HOLY COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"

(Hymnal Page 448, Bulletin page 7)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" John Purifoy

# Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4-5; John 15:1-5

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might:  
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare:

Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal), and expressly for the tune Bridegroom. Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.  
 Peter Cutts, 1969

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# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
 2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
 3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
 4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
 Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
 Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.  
 Justin H. Knecht, 1797  
 Alternate tune: HENDON