

## TODAY IS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE SUNDAY

Today, we gather together with the whole United Church of Christ in observing Health and Human Service Sunday. The UCC and its predecessor denominations courageously founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages during times of pandemic, war, and social upheaval. Now, there are more than 400 UCC affiliated health care centers, hospitals, affordable housing and retirement communities, transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and service centers for children, youth, families, and those with disabilities. These ministries continue to show up in the most challenging circumstances—and do so with a hope that has come alive. It is thus a day to celebrate how the life of the church is vibrant beyond our church walls and outreach ministries.

### A LOCAL EXAMPLE

#### ST. PAUL'S SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY - ENRICHING LIVES FOR GENERATIONS

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church dedicated St. Paul Homes on December 10, 1867 in Butler, Pa., as a home to care for destitute orphaned children. Then, in new facilities constructed through contributions from the Reformed Church congregations of Western Pennsylvania, the home was moved to Greenville, Pa. on February 24, 1909. It was there that health care services for the aging began in 1927.

- Later, two houses on Eagle Street were purchased for expanded care of the aging.
- The Greenville facilities were moved from the center of town to a site adjacent to the Children's Home on September 7, 1946. This was purchased through contributions from the Reformed congregations in Western Pennsylvania.
- In 1939, the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches brought the Dorseyville Home for the Aged into the Synod.
- The administration of the Dorseyville Home and St. Paul Homes was merged into a single corporate structure in 1955.
- The children's home was closed in 1971 and total emphasis was placed on caring for the aging.

## WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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# Good Morning and Welcome!

We extend a special welcome to those who are worshipping from St. Mark's in Fredonia, St. Paul's in Hermitage and Zion's in Transfer.

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Fred and Agnes Reimold.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle, Vikki Young, and Cynthia Snyder.

There are four offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, one for each congregation. Please place your offering in the appropriate plate. We will not be passing the plates today.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after the choir anthem for an activity.

Everyone is invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall after worship for a potluck!

## COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing in your heart and give Him

praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks-

giv-ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise.

Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to

Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.

SERMON "Truly Blessed" Rev. Glenn Sadler

OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
Invitation Rev. Nicole Pickens  
\*Doxology No. 780  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 393 "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds"

\*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Nicole Pickens

\*THE BENEDICTION CHORAL RESPONSE Choir  
"Put Peace Into Each Other's Arms"

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "Redemption" Bethany K. Smith

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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ST. MARK'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Rev. Glenn Sadler  
Rev. Nicole Pickens  
Rev. Dr. E. Thomas**

**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries  
COMBINED SERVICE**

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

January 29, 2023 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 Rev. Glenn Sadler, 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

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Emilee Deeter, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" Livingston /Moore

\*GATHERING SONG "Come Into His Presence" (bulletin page 7)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Glenn Sadler

Leader: Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord.

**People: Bless the singing of your praise, the reading of your Word, the sharing of our fellowship, and the prayers that will be heard.**

Leader: Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord.

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 386 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. E. Thomas

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

\*KYRIE

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us (sing)**

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ have mercy upon us. (sing)**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (sing)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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.**

*~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~*

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

Rev. Glenn Sadler

COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus Loves Me" Joel Raney  
Combined Choir and Zion's Choir Angels

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. E. Thomas

**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

**Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.**

**Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 473 "Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURES Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Nicole Pickens