

John 15: 9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

*WELCOME TO
ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH*

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loved you. Now remain in my love.”**

John 15:9



Good morning and welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

We extend a special welcome to Pastor Steve Craft! We're glad you're here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our parents Dan and Cleo Callahan, and grandmothers Ethel Leonard and Elizabeth Callahan, by Brad, Chris, Lance and Clay.

The Chancel Flowers.....Welcome to Zion's, Pastor Steve! Wishing you all the best. From your Grove City College friends!

Ushering today are Alex Brown, Gianna Tofani, Sherry Winner and Pat Seiple.

Serving Communion are Ron Mink, Betty Mink, Kelly Bielata, Lynn Rinella, Vanessa Saylor and Laurie Baker.

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

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,
and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.
and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;
as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

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GIFT OF LOVE
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HOLY COMMUNION (see white booklet)

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 82 “Go, My Children with My Blessing”

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Crown Him With Many Crowns”
Barbara Boertje

ZION’S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Steve Craft

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

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

May 5, 2024 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 Sherry Winner, 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 Emily Rinella, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE “He Leadeth Me” Jason W. Krug

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and
rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God’s faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 73 “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition.

We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Are Music of the King" Joseph M. Martin

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.

*HYMN "Gift of Love" (bulletin page 7)

SCRIPTURES John 15:9-17

SERMON "Real Love?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sonata No. 6 in C Minor" Pescetti

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29
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1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your
 2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He
 3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

side To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 died; The hum - ble King they named a fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre - cious

blood. 1,2. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
 3. Till I am just a lamb of God.

last time rit.