

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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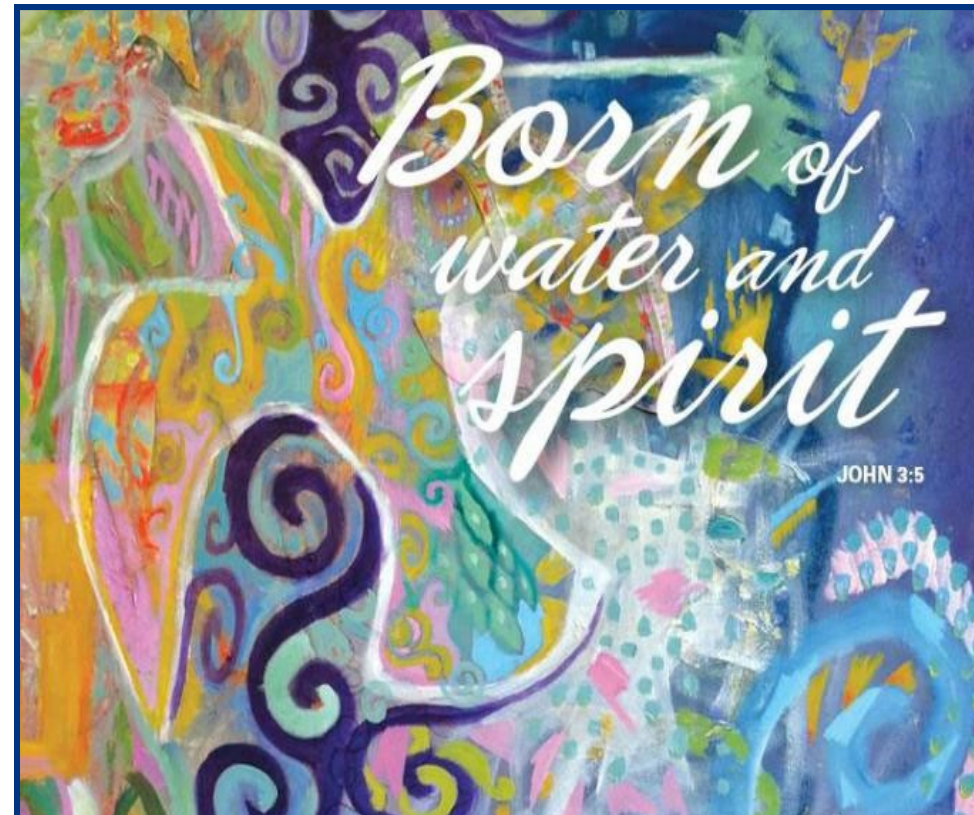
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Good morning
and welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our parents Ed and Marilyn Saal, by Jeri, Pam and John.

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

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.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

Members of the prayer chain will meet after worship in the chapel.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Katharine Lee Bates, 1895

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Patriotic Medley" Traditional

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
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*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHORAL RESPONSE "May Our God" Paul Cerbus

*THE POSTLUDE "This Land is Your Land" Woody Guthrie

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 26, 2024 10:30 a.m.

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ann Fowler, 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 Sophie Powell, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Lori Seinar-Roknick, piano and vocals

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

People: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

People: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

OPENING HYMN NO. 592

“God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE “What a Mighty God We Serve”

1., 4. What a might - y God we serve, _ what a

might - y God we serve, _ what a might - y God we serve, _

_ what a might - y God we serve! _

2. Let us sing and praise the Lord ...

3. Let us shout and praise God's name ...

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM “The World We Love” Raffi/Michael Creber

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

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6: 1-8 and John 3:1-17 (back of bulletin)

SERMON “Rebirth”

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify. He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image, and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of