



Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept us among the living.

**We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been tested to the max, but now we have become as true as silver.**

God has heard me, because in my heart I cherish truth and not wickedness.

**God hears us all and continues to love us with a steadfast and undying love. Let us praise God together!**

KYRIE DURING QUARANTINE

Adapted from Pastor Nissa Petersen

Seeking peace in a broken world but knowing God's peace through God's sacred presence, we pray to the One who comes to us in our darkest times.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain, but also experiencing God's healing presence through prayer, and those who help, we pray:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Seeking peace through our depression, isolation, and fear, but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones and the hope we see in the world, we pray:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Seeking peace through the pain of worshipping separately, longing for our holy community to be gathered but also feeling connected to one another through God's presence with each of us as we worship together distantly, we pray:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Help, save, and comfort, us, loving God. We need you now, as we have needed you every day. We cannot live without you.

**Amen.**

*~ Silence is kept ~*

LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

**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 and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Matheson/Peace

## WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Lector Barb Hendershot: Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

#### GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

Lector Rich Owens: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

#### MESSAGE

### *SACRED LOVE*

Rev. Katie Penick

#### FAITH IN ACTION

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Colvin

# **WE GO IN PEACE**

↓BENEDICTION

Rev. Katie Penick

POSTLUDE

# **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

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## NOTICES

**Prayer Needs:** Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Linda Cantilena, Derrice Combs, Kim Cook, Ruth Dwyer, Elan Foutch, Mike Heyser, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Anne Kaylor, Mike Lorfing, David Ridenour, Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Kathy Wallech.

**Happy Birthday!** Corey Green's is the 17th, Randy Schultz's is the 19th, Amber Nilson's is the 21st, Lana Barnhart's is the 22nd, Steve Burgan's is the 22nd.

**Records from the week of Sunday, May 10:** There were 395 views of the streamed services in the month of April!

**Never miss a Sunday sermon!** When you can't make it to church you can still watch the sermon. Go to our YouTube channel "Zion Reformed UCC." Streaming of the Sunday worship service begins at 11:00 am but you can view the videos of past services anytime.

## STAFF

Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rev. Katie Penick, Interim Minister (240)418-8028; Susan Younkens, Church Administrator/Financial Recording Secretary; Lisa Saum, Treasurer; Claire Marie Moblard, Director of Music/Organist; Byron L. Stay, Choir Director.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this congregation is to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to celebrate the sacraments, to share Christian fellowship and unity within the congregation and the community, to render loving service toward all people, to strive for righteousness, justice and peace, and to grow in spirit and in membership. (Adapted from 1987/Approved Nov. 7, 2000)

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