

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2020 ☎ 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



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### WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD

↑An invitation to stand ↓An invitation to sit  
Congregational Responses are in **bold**.  
Please silence all mobile devices.

GATHERING MUSIC

“Shall We Gather At The River”

Lowry

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev Katie Penick

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Heber/Dykes

*I didn't need to understand...the Trinity;  
I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up with redwood trees.  
~Annie Lamott~*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Inspired by Psalm 8, written by Bruce Prewer

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

**We come to worship one, holy God.**

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies, yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

LITURGY OF CREATION

Responsive

Based on Genesis 1, adapted from Third Space

In the beginning, all was darkness and God said, “let there be light,”

**And because God had said it, there was light.**

In the beginning, all was silence and God sang the song of creation,

**And because God sang, all the stars and spheres vibrated to the music of God.**

In the beginning, all was still and God laughed,

**And because God laughed, the waters took up the roar and the ripple of it, and ebbed and flowed and seeped and swirled and delighted in the ways of its being.**

In the beginning, all was dull and God painted,

**And because God painted, the sky became blue, and purple, and pink, and rainbows hung there. The grass became green and flowers and butterflies danced in the drips and settled like jewels on the earth.**

In the beginning, all was unconscious, and God breathed,

**And because God breathed, men and women woke up from their sleeping, they breathed of the very life of God and stood in wonder before the work of God’s hands. They beheld the glory of God in all that God had made and they saw that it was very good.**

*~ 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Wordsworth/Woodward\*

## **WE LISTEN AND REFLECT**

READING FROM THE BIBLE

EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 13:11-13

Lector Carroll Sager: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Lector Carol Mooers: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

MESSAGE

***BURNING LOVE***

Rev. Katie Penick

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

“What Do You See?”

Freebridge Media

## **COMMUNION**

INVITATION

THE STORY

THE MEAL

## WE GO IN PEACE

↓BENEDICTION

Responsive

As people of faith we are called to go out to share the story of faith, with the world around us. Live as witnesses to God's active love in the world, knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Ken/Bourgeois

## 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 Lorring, David Ridenour, Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Kathy Wallech.

**Happy Birthday!** Susie Clutz's is the 10th, Victor Crist's is the 11th.

**Happy Anniversary!** Kristen & Rob Grosh's is the 8th.

**Records from the week of Sunday, May 31:** YouTube Online Service Views: 16 views last week.

**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 10:00 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 Younkins, 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)



## RACIAL JUSTICE NETWORK CALL TO ACTION OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

We are living in a time that is eerily similar to our nation's past and raises major questions and concerns about how we got here and where we go from here. Once again America's original sin of racism and white supremacy is reminding us of the work that has too often been avoided and pushed aside as if it is not present in the very fabric of who we are as a nation, and even the church.

We unequivocally denounce the killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor. We are outraged at another case of living while black in America. Amy Cooper's threats to Christian Cooper could have ended in his unlawful arrest or tragic death. The images and stories of these incidents have captured our attention as a nation and the church. And, let's not ignore the disproportionate impact the Covid-19 pandemic is having on the health, livelihoods, and lives of people of color. These two pandemics, and the subsequent nationwide protest for justice and change, present our country and the church, with the moral imperative to put an end to systemic racism and white supremacy now.

In 2015, we as a Conference expressed outrage and grappled with the way officers of the Baltimore Police Department profiled, mistreated, mischaracterized and violated Freddie Gray's civil rights, leading to his untimely death. We stood in solidarity with the peaceful protestors who demanded justice for Freddie Gray, and mourned with his family. Yet, our collective response and commitment across the Conference to this matter was limited and in some instances indifferent. And, just as Freddie Gray's death has done, the recent acts of racial injustice point to a continuing systemic problem that calls for a response that goes beyond being pastoral and just talking about it.

In 2017, the nation watched live on television white supremacist group Alt-Right come together under the banner Unite the Alt-Right to rally in Charlottesville, VA. By the end of that day 19 people were injured and Heather Heyer was killed when James Fields Jr. plowed his car into a crowd.

And now, in 2020, recent acts of racial injustice point to the ongoing systemic problems that call for a response beyond "talk". The realities before us will continue if we don't acknowledge that racism and white supremacy is a sin and begin the journey to:

- Change the beliefs and attitudes that permeate our thinking and actions;
- Tear down biases and prejudices that leads to discrimination, profiling, and micro-aggressions;
- Tell the truth about race, racism, and white supremacy as social constructs;



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- Heal people of African descent and all communities of color that have suffered for generations and still today;
- Transform all structures that perpetuate inequity, inequality, and deny justice.

This is a work that we all must do if we are to begin to live into God's vision of justice, peace and the beloved community. As Disciples of Christ, we must examine the ways we contribute to racial injustice and maintain the systems and structures that cannot continue. As the Central Atlantic Conference, we must work to end systemic racism and white supremacy in our local churches, and in those structures that devalue and deny so many justice and their God-given rights as a member of humanity.

***Let Justice,***

***Racial Justice Network of the Justice & Witness Action Network***



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## CALL TO ACTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The Racial Justice Network of the Justice & Witness Action Network calls on local churches, clergy, and justice leaders across the Central Atlantic Conference to stand for Racial Justice. Take one, more, or all of the actions below to support racial justice now.

➤ ***Make the commitment and start the journey to become Antiracist.***

We are called to be Antiracist as disciples and the church of Jesus Christ. Antiracism work is challenging, requires the courage to begin and the determination to persevere. And, it demands that we commit ourselves to the journey. The Racial Justice Network is working in partnership with Rev. Dr. Velda Love, UCC Racial Justice Minister, to train a group of leaders in the Conference to support the work that we need to do in our local churches and communities. We are developing strategies and processes to support your commitment and to walk with you on the journey.

Make your commitment at [www.letjustice.org/initiative-racialjustice](http://www.letjustice.org/initiative-racialjustice).

➤ ***Join the Faith & Democracy 2020 campaign and Pledge to Vote.***

As people of faith, our vote can serve as a powerful tool to rid our communities of systemic racism, injustice, hatred and inequality. We value and affirm the dignity of all. And we believe that every person has a right to vote without fear, intimidation, limitations and false information.

Visit [www.letjustice.org](http://www.letjustice.org) to join the Campaign and Pledge to Vote.

➤ ***Participate in the UCC Juneteenth Webinar, “And Still We Rise”, June 19<sup>th</sup>.***

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration honoring the end of slavery in the United States. The original legal declaration was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln, which instituted the Emancipation Proclamation. The webinar will take place **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 12pm-1:30 pm**.

Visit [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) for more details.

➤ ***Organize a Protest in Front of the Church Building, June 19<sup>th</sup>***

Join local churches across the Conference on **June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** to protest the recent acts of racial injustice in our country. Let your community know where you stand and show your support for Black Lives.

Sign-up at [www.letjustice.org/initiative-racialjustice](http://www.letjustice.org/initiative-racialjustice).



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- ***Give to the Justice & Witness Action Network to support bail funds, legal aid and local groups organizing non-violent protests.***

Protest around the nation have erupted in the wake of the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and many more unarmed people of African descent at the hands of police. Many protestors and activists have been unlawfully arrested exercising their First Amendment rights. This is a great way to support protesters and communities impacted by police brutality.

Give at [www.letjustice.org](http://www.letjustice.org).

- ***RSVP for the Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington, June 20<sup>th</sup>.***

We have joined the Poor People's Campaign as a mobilizing partner for the Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington Digital Justice Gathering, on **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Let's confront systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and militarism, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. Let's join 140 million poor and low-wealth people as they raise their voices.

RSVP now at [www.letjustice.org](http://www.letjustice.org).

- ***Support a local chapter of Black Lives Matter or Showing Up for Racial Justice in your community.***

We must do the work of end systemic racism and white supremacy with organizations with common goals and an agenda for collective power and action. These two organizations are at the forefront of addressing systemic racism. We encourage you to reach out to a local chapter and build a relationship to do the work of racial justice.

Visit [www.blacklivesmatter.org](http://www.blacklivesmatter.org) and [www.showingupforracialjustice.org](http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org) to find a local chapter.

- ***Organize a Racial Justice Book Discussion.***

Local churches across the Conference are organizing conversations and studying the issue of racism and white supremacy by reading books and using other materials. Here are some books to consider for a book discussion:

- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism, By Robin DiAngelo and Michael Eric Dyson
- How to Be an Antiracist, By Ibram X. Kendi
- Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation, By Jennifer Harvey

We hope you will join this movement in the Central Atlantic Conference for racial justice.



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