

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 28, 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

Nocturnes Medley

Fields

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev Katie Penick

PRELUDE

“I Love To Tell the Story”

Hankey/Fischer

*“A friend might be waiting behind a stranger’s face.”*

*~Meditative Quote by Maya Angelou~*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

**No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence:

**No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

**No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

Come, let us celebrate together the power to love and to speak truth:

**We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking! No one can stop us now!**

GATHERING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

Crosby/Knapp

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Responsive

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

**We confess you are still speaking!**

In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

**We confess you are still speaking!**

In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:

**We confess you are still speaking!**

In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

**We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!**

Let us confess together:

**We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause of justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.**

*~ Silence is kept ~*

WORDS OF BLESSING

## WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

#### EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 4:5-12

Lector Amber Nilson: For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

Lector Rev Katie Penick: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple— truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

#### MESSAGE

### *CLAY POTS*

Rev Katie Penick

#### CLOSING HYMN

"Day by Day"

Sandell-Berg/Ahnfelt

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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.**

#### VIDEO REFLECTION

"We Are the Body of Christ"

Freebridge Media

## WE GO IN PEACE

↓BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            “This Little Light of Mine”            African-American Spiritual/Smith

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

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### NOTICES

**Prayer Needs:** Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Linda Cantilena, Derrice Combs, Kim & Bill Cook, Ruth Dwyer, Elan Foutch, Mike Heyser, the family of Pauline Howells, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Anne Kaylor, Dee & Ed Krause, Richard Lohman, Mike Lorfing, David Ridenour, Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer.

**Happy Birthday!** Nan Wachter’s is the 30th, Richard Cantilena’s is the 30th, Max Dwyer’s is the 30th, Moly Dwyer’s is the 30th.

**Happy Anniversary!** Danielle & Toby Wantz’s is the 29th.

**Records from the week of Sunday, June 21:** YouTube Online Service Views: 29 views last week.

### 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)

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