

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11th, 2020 @ 11 A.M.



Sacred Choices

WELCOME to *your* faith community! We are glad to worship with you today and pray that your spirit will be blessed by our time together. Zion Reformed United Church of Christ has roots over 250 years in the making, but we know God is still speaking, even today. Just as our world is ever-changing so we too constantly strive to change daily to become more like Christ, continuing to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

This week the UCC celebrates Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week. Access Sunday is an occasion when all the UCC joins together in celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the strides that the church has made in being more whole through being more accessible. It is also a day that we, the church, acknowledge the journey yet to be taken with our sisters and brothers with disabilities.

Let us worship our God, the Great Creator, together in spirit, mind, and deed with wonderful day bestowed upon us!

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

"Adagio Grazioso from Piano Sonata No. 16"

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

"Adagio Cantabile from Sonata Pathétique"

WE PREPARE

↑ Call to Worship

One: Gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

All: Today is a day to celebrate God.

One: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

All: Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children.

One: Gather to share God's presence.

All: Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world.

One: This is the day that God has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.
Amen.

Gathering Prayer

↓Gathering Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Based on Psalm 23

One: Holy God, you are our shepherd, we shall want for nothing that truly matters.

All: In green pastures you give us rest and beside deep, still waters you lead us. You promise to be with us always, offering freedom from the frictions of hatred, anxiety, fear and pain.

One: You give us living water to satisfy our thirst for peace. This is for all people. You refresh and restore our souls and guide us in right paths for the sake of your name.

All: When we are cast down we have been shown ways to bring a new creation to life in our world. Your unique plan for all of life and for each life is written into our very essence. May we believe it is a plan filled with hope, grown out of love. Help our unbelief.

One: Even though we walk in the dark valley, we will fear no danger for you, God, are at our side, with rod and staff to give us courage. Each life, every nation, has its share of valleys. Some seem to have more than is right. You are a constant companion in the darkness. When violence, pain and loss are heavy you comfort. When we are aching, lost and discouraged, you seek us out. When we go astray, your compassionate judgment draws us back. Receive our gratitude. Know our darkness.

All: You spread the table before us in the sight of our enemies and richly bathe our heads with oil. Our cups overflow. O' Holy One, you are our host as well as our shepherd.

One: You invite us to the banquet, the banquet of life. All parts of the world are invited - enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful, those close at hand and those far off. You offer the abundance and extravagance of bread broken and shared and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life.

All: We praise and thank you for your abundant spirit. Goodness and love unfailing, these will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the home of our God for all eternity.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Video Reflection

"Idol Worship"

WE MEDITATE

Old Testament Lesson ✦

Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)
Lector: Barb Hendershot

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us;

as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Gospel Lesson ✨

Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’”⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not

deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. ¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Message

"Who will Dance at God's Banquet?"

WE RESPOND

Worship Video Hymn

"It is Well with My Soul"

Stewardship Moment ✦

Blessing Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

Worship Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

Sending Forth

Go Forth in Peace & Serve!

Prelude to Service

"Fanfare"

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 12th to October 18th



All Saints Day Call to Action

Submit names, dates, and if possible, photos, of any one you'd like to remember during our All Saint's Day service who has passed since 1 November 2019. Submit info to the church office or Pastor Katie.

Young Adult's Sunday School

Beginning Oct 11th, a *Books of the Bible* study exploring the entire Bible with journals, video, and readings. Please join us for an interesting and informative study. Any questions contact Richard Cantilena at 678.559.8927.

Prayer Requests



Submit your prayer requests to the church office by phone at 301.739.7244 or email at zionrucc@myactv.net so we can pray for one another. The prayer list of names can be emailed or mailed to you upon request due to privacy concerns.

Helping Hands



Lector This Week (10/11): Barb Hendershot

Lector Next Week (10/18): Carol Mooers

If unable to serve during your designated week, please contact the church office by Wednesday of the week prior to service so a replacement can be found.

Records from Last Week:

Sunday Worship Attendance: 21 participants + 5 *WorshipLive* participants, and 12 additional views throughout the week.

Soup Kitchen Attendance: The first week reopened, the Soup Kitchen served 19 meals.

Please Remember

PEACE face masks available by donation, see Becky Owens or Pastor Katie.
Choir Rehearsals are postponed until further notice.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

Soup Kitchen

October 13th, 5pm-6:15pm

Volunteers Welcome!

Zion Book Club

October 16th at 7pm

Sunday Worship

October 18th at 11am, in-person and online.

(Online at www.zionreformed.church/sermons)

Sunday School at 9:45am

(Adult classes in-person, Children's class via Zoom)

November Newsletter Deadline

Submission due by October 19th to church office or zionrucc@myactv.net

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION

4H Club Meeting

October 15th, 4:30pm via Zoom

Celebrate Recovery

October 16th, 7pm in the chapel



Trumpet & Organ Recital



November 15th, 3pm

More info to come!

JUSTICE & WITNESS: Disability Awareness



A Letter by Rachel Chapman, Member of the UCCB and Former UCCDM Member

The second Sunday of October of each year is designated on the UCC church calendar as Access Sunday. Does your church celebrate it? Do you even know what it is? This is to be a day when all of the United Church of Christ is meant to join together in celebrating the contributions and gifts of persons with disabilities as well as the progress the church as a whole has made in being more accessible and inclusive. It should also be a day of recognition of the work yet to be done in order to extravagantly welcome people living with disabilities into all areas of the full life of the church. There is much work to do.

A tagline of the UCC is "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here". Sadly, not all are welcome in our churches. Another popular UCC saying is that "Jesus didn't reject people and neither do we". However, we know that in many churches attitudinal barriers are more prevalent than physical ones at keeping people who are living with various disabilities from full participation in our church settings. Even the disciples needed to adjust their attitudes as Jesus reminded them that "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's work might be revealed in him" (John 9:3).

October, Disabilities Awareness Month, is the ideal time to learn about disabilities rights pioneers of the United Church of Christ such as the Rev. Virginia Kreyer and the Rev. Harold Wilke. Ms. Kreyer, born with cerebral palsy, was ordained in the UCC. As an activist she influenced change by encouraging the UCC to assess its own participation in disability discrimination. Mr. Wilke was born without arms but did not let that stop him from answering his call to ministry. He offered the invocation at the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, accepting a ceremonial pen from President George H. W. Bush with his foot. Wilke encouraged the UCC to change language it used to talk to and about people with disabilities. Both Kreyer and Wilke were instrumental in the formation of what is known today as UCC Disabilities Ministries.



Disability Awareness

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

consist of the nation's largest minority group, as well as the only group that any of us can become a member of at any time



1 IN 4 PEOPLE

65-69 years of age have a severe disability



56.7 MILLION PEOPLE
in the U.S. have some sort of disability

38.3 MILLION PEOPLE

have a severe disability

30.6 MILLION

people in the U.S. have a physical disability that affects the ability to walk



THE ELDERLY

are the largest population living with a disability



3.6 MILLION PEOPLE
in the U.S. use a wheelchair

AROUND 15%

of the world's population lives with disabilities



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1/3 OF DISABLED INDIVIDUALS
require assistive technology to be able to take care of themselves at home

ABOUT 764,000

children and adults in the U.S. currently have cerebral palsy

JUSTICE & WITNESS: Get Out the Vote

MAKE YOUR VOTING ACTION PLAN FIVE MINUTES FOR FOUR YEARS

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Each state has different rules for voter registration. Visit the Our Faith Our Vote Action Center at <https://p2a.co/zv3KyIE> to make sure you're registered to vote.

FIGURE OUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE

MAIL-IN BALLOTS

- If you can, request a mail-in ballot. Each state has different deadlines for this so take five minutes to check it now: <https://www.usa.gov/election-office>
- Find out when early voting starts in your state!

IN PERSON VOTING

If you're going to vote in person find your polling place here: <https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/>.

- Make a safety plan with a mask, gloves, sanitizer and other protection.
- Check on the location of your polling place.
- Decide when you're going to vote.

BE PREPARED TO PROTECT THE ELECTION

Save the Election Protection Hotline in your phone or write it down so if you encounter problems with voting you are ready.

- 866-OUR-VOTE ((866) 687-8683)
- State by State Election Protection Contacts: <https://866ourvote.org/state/>

GET OTHERS INVOLVED

Share why voting is important to you and ask those in your life to make their own voting plan.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
FOR MORE RESOURCES VISIT:

<https://www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote>



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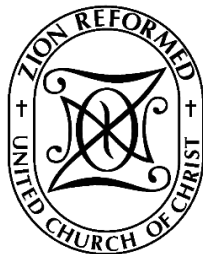
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