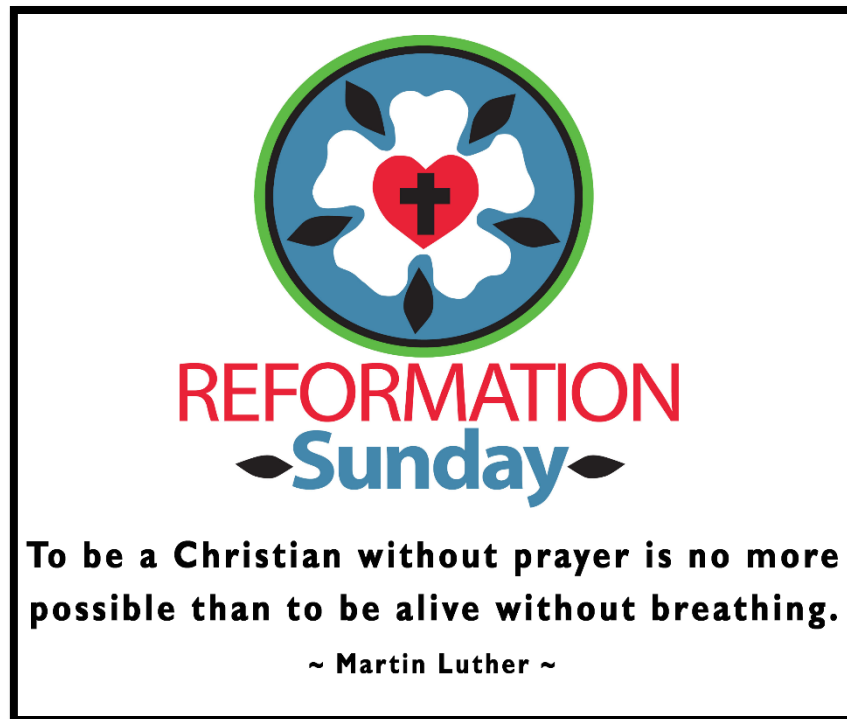


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25th, 2020 @ 11 A.M.
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Scripture Alone.

WELCOME to *your* faith community! We are happy to worship with you today and pray that your spirit will be blessed by our time together in the presence of our Creator. If this is your first time at Zion, welcome! Zion Reformed United Church of Christ has roots over 250 years in the making with visions of thriving long into the future. We invite you to consider making Zion Reformed UCC your church home if you haven't already and let us tell the story of Jesus and His love together!

Today is Reformation Sunday. It has been 503 years since Martin Luther's infamous 95 theses' calling for reform of the church. We continue as the church universal to reform to this day as God leads. Often it isn't the direction we desire, but God has a way of getting us to where God wants us to be, nonetheless. Reform (aka change) can be uncomfortable, but it can be rewarding when it is ordained by God. May we always seek to hear and obey that still small voice of God's.

Let us worship our God, the Great Reformer, together in spirit, mind, and deed and listen together for that still, small voice of the Almighty!

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

"Toccata and Fugue in D-Minor"

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

"A Mighty Fortress"

WE PREPARE

↑Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 1

One: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of God, who meditate on the holy council day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of God, who meditate on the holy council day and night.

One: In all that they do, they prosper.

All: So let us meditate on the holy word; let us delight in worshipping our God.

Gathering Prayer

↓Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Call to Reconciliation

One: The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us join our voices together in prayer, as we acknowledge our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

Prayer of Brokenness

All: We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even You— more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

One: In God's Beloved Community, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; in God's Beloved Community, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

All: **Forgiven, loved, sent forth— we are not far from God's Beloved Community! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Reformation Reflection

"The Reformation Polka"

WE MEDITATE

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (NRSV)

Lector: Aaron Kelly

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹ Joshua, son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was

unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land,¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Message

"Love is a Verb"

WE RESPOND

Special Music

"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"

Time with Children

Stewardship Moment

Michael Jones

Blessing Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

All: With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

Sending Forth

Benediction

Prelude to Service

"The Revival March"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



Reformation

What reform is God speaking to us today?

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 26th to November 1st



All Saints Day

Submit names, dates, and if possible, photos, of any one you'd like to remember during our special 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 Class

The Young Adult's class began their *Books of the Bible* study exploring the entire Bible with journals, video, and readings. It's not too late to join them for this 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 (10/25): Aaron Kelly

Lector Next Week (11/1): Carroll Sager

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: 18 participants in-house, and 17 online views.

Soup Kitchen Attendance: The Soup Kitchen served 24 meals this past Tuesday. Please help spread the word that our Soup Kitchen is open and serving the public.

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

Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting

October 26th, 7:30pm

Soup Kitchen

October 27th, 5pm-6:15pm
Volunteers Welcome!

Holyween

Serving free hot dogs, candy, & water to brighten Halloween during a pandemic.
Volunteers and donations of supplies or money are all welcome.
October 31st, 6-8pm in church parking lot

Set Your Clocks Back!

Daylight savings time ends: Remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed Saturday night, October 31st. If not, join us for church an hour early, we'll have the doors open for you. We enjoy your company!

Sunday Worship

All Saint's Sunday, November 1st 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)

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION

4H Club Meeting

October 29th, 4:30pm via Zoom

Celebrate Recovery

October 30th, 7pm in the chapel



Trumpet & Organ Recital



November 15th, 3pm in the sanctuary.
Free and open to the public, all are welcome!

Featuring two iconic works of J.S. Bach; "Gabriel's Oboe" by Morricone; and the beloved hymn, "How Great Thou Art" as the grand finale. Please plan to attend following all CDC guidelines including face masks and social distancing.

Reformation Facts

Luther's Seal:



The black cross in the middle reminds us of the death Jesus suffered when he was crucified for our sins on Good Friday.

The red heart is a symbol of the love God has for us. We believe in our hearts that Jesus died for us. We believe in our hearts that Jesus died for us.

The white rose helps us to recall that our faith brings us pure and heavenly joy and peace.

The sky-blue background reminds us to look up with hope to the life with Christ that is yet to come.

The gold ring signifies the glorious treasure in heaven that awaits us, a treasure that, like the circle, will never end.

The United Church of Christ traces its roots directly back to the Protestant Reformation.
Learn more at www.ucc.org/about-us_short-course_our-reformation-roots.

The Five Solas of the Protestant Reformation:

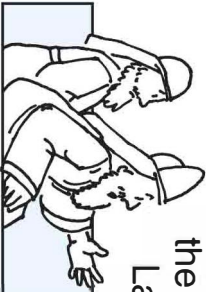


The Five Solas are five Latin phrases (or slogans) that emerged from the Protestant Reformation intended to summarize the Reformers' basic theological principles in contrast to certain teachings of the Roman Catholic Church of the day. "Sola" is Latin meaning "alone" or "only".

These phrases may be found individually expressed in the various writings of the 16th century Reformers either explicitly or implicitly, but they are not found presented as a list *per se*. It is most likely the list of Solas came about later.

Some of the most well-known reformers include Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Huldrych Zwingli.

They asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" How did Jesus answer?



Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks.



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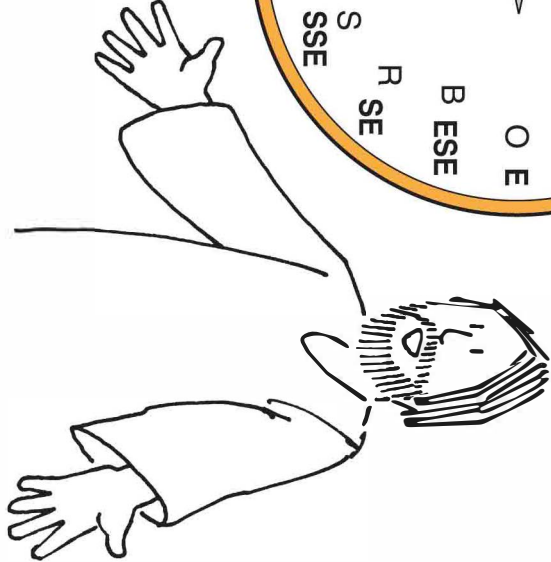
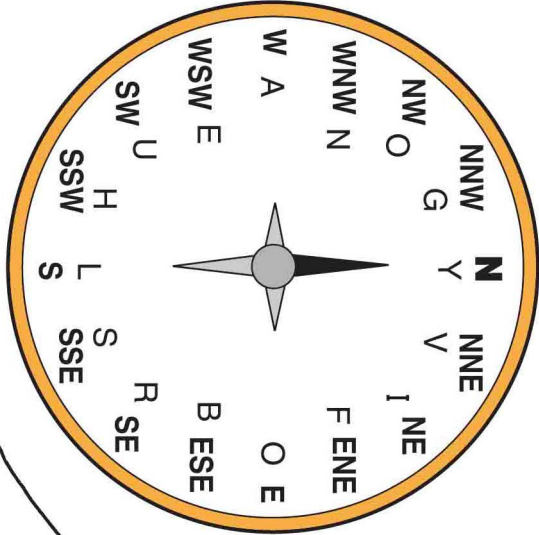
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What did Jesus say is the second greatest commandment?

Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



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JUSTICE & WITNESS: Vote for Love of Others!



Vote Because: Your Vote Matters at Every Level!

Vote Because: Others Are Counting on You!

Vote Because: You Can Use Your Power to Vote for the good of ALL!

Vote Because: Your vote will help shape the future of others!



Answer Key:

Solve the math problem:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

Use the compass code to fill in the blanks:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

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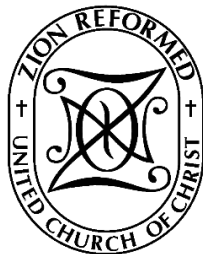
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