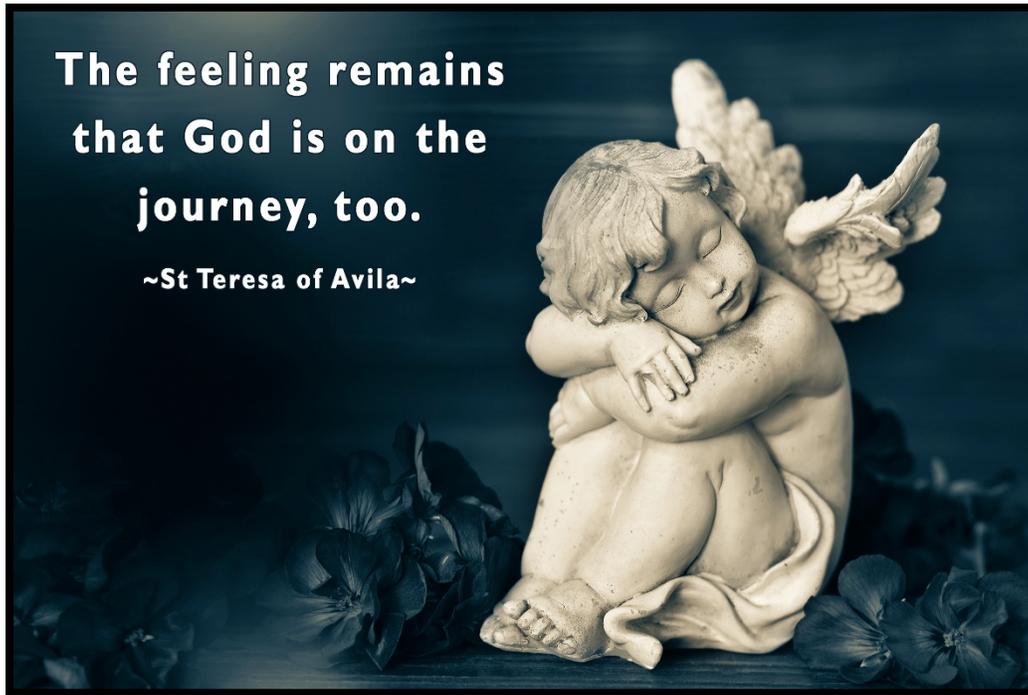


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 @ 11 A.M.  
SUNDAY BULLETIN



**All Saints' Sunday**

**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 All Saints' Sunday, also known as All Hallows Day, where we honor all the saints known and unknown. Tomorrow is All Souls' Day, the day set aside to remember all souls that have lived. So we remember today, all the saints of our faith and all those who have been saints to us. Let us remember and honor them today.

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

*WE GATHER*

Gathering Music

"It is Well with My Soul"

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

"Come Thou Fount"

*WE PREPARE*

↑Call to Worship

One: See how God loves us!

**All: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.**

One: See how Christ loves us!

**All: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.**

One: See how the Spirit loves us!

**All: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.**

Opening Prayer

↓Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

Litany for All Saints

One: For all the Saints who have gone before us,

**All: God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.**

One: For all the Saints who have been beloved to us,

**All: God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

One: For all the Saints who have left us too soon,

**All: God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

One: For all the Saints who have exemplified the faithful life,

**All: God, may we learn from their ways and follow You.**

One: For all the Saints, God, we give thanks to You;

**All: On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are Your children. We thank You for those who have gone before us. May we forgive those for whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive. May we know that**

**we are forgiven for our own sins. May we know that we are loved by the same God, from this life into eternity. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, who lived, who died, and who lives eternally. Amen and Amen.**

*WE MEDITATE*

Old Testament Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

Lector: Carroll Sager

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3 (NRSV)

Lector: Carroll Sager

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Meditation Interlude

"Nicaea"

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Message

"Still Marching In"

*WE RESPOND*

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.**

Sacrament of Communion and a Time of Remembrance

Invitation

One: Come; gather around the throne of grace with a song of praise! God be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Litany of Remembrance

One: In the rising of the sun and in its going down

**All: We remember them**

One: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

**All: We remember them**

One: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

**All: We remember them**

One: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer

**All: We remember them**

One: In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

**All: We remember them**

One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends

**All: We remember them**

One: When we are weary and in need of strength

**All: We remember them**

One: When we are lost and sick at heart

**All: We remember them**

One: When we have joys, we yearn to share

**All: We remember them**

One: So long as we live, they too shall live

**All: As we remember them.**

Meditation Interlude

“My Shepherd will Supply My Need”

Naming of Saints, Lighting of Candles, Ringing of Bells

One: We join them and all the angels and saints of heaven to sing the hymn of unending praise.

Prayer of Communion

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal

“I Sing A Song of the Saints of God”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us pray.

**All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us here in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us with ever expanding implications until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more.**

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

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

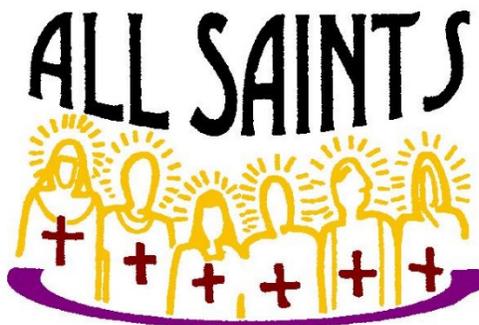
Sending Forth

Benediction

Reclaiming Our Sanctuary

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

*GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!*



We remember all the saints, known and unknown!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>



### 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](mailto: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 (11/1): Carroll Sager

Lector Next Week (11/8): Barb Hendershot

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 in-house, and 25 online views.

*Soup Kitchen Attendance:* The Soup Kitchen served 36 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

### Properties Committee Meeting

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm

### Consistory Meeting

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm

### Soup Kitchen

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm-6:15pm  
Volunteers Welcome!

### Service Workers Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am

### Worship Planning Meeting

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am

### Sunday Worship

November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am, in-person and online.  
*(Online at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons))*

Sunday School at 9:45am  
*(Adult classes in-person, Children's class via Zoom)*



### Trumpet & Organ Recital



November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION

### 4H Club Meeting

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm via Zoom

### Celebrate Recovery

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the chapel



## JUSTICE & WITNESS: Vote this Week!



*Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!' - Isaiah 58:1*

In Hebrew Scripture the word most often translated "voice" is "qol." This is also the word translated as noise, or sound, or vote. In a broader sense, I would say the Hebrew word, qol, simply means letting oneself be heard. Using our voice to make a sound is certainly one way to be heard, and using our vote is another.

Our vote is the means we have to make an impactful noise about the local, state and national issues that concern us. Voting is a powerful tool, and this is why we see so many focused efforts targeted at voter disenfranchisement. This is why districts are redrawn and political parties engage in gerrymandering. This is why voting rights legislation and access to the polls is constantly being challenged.

### **So as people of faith, what is the noise we want to make in this election cycle?**

What are the sounds of affirmation or dissent that must resound loudly through this election cycle for school board members, state representatives, for mayoral and gubernatorial elections? What are the sounds of the faithful that must ring through the halls of Congress signaling our desire for change?

No matter your opinion or political affiliation, your voice - your vote - matters and you deserve to be heard.

### **Activity Page Answer Key:**

*Use the code to find what Jesus said:*

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

*Rewrite the words:*

Jesus told the crowd and his disciples that the scribes and Pharisees had been given the law from Moses. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you.

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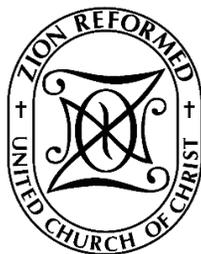
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