

ZION REFORMED
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



I AM the Living Bread

Meditation of the Day

**“Not all of us can do great things. But
we can do small things with great love.”**

~Mother Teresa~

WORSHIP GUIDE
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 1, 2021 ☛ 10 A.M.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand.*

Gathering Music ✧

"Messe du 8e Ton pour 'Orgue"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✧

"Rise, O Children of Salvation"

*Call to Community

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

There is forgiveness with you, and I wait for you O God, my soul waits, for you.

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

In your words, I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Opening Prayer

Meditative Interlude ✧

"Community Of Christ"

Children's Time

(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 (NRSV)

Lector: Rae Smith

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Amen.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Message

Fed by Bread

Contemplative Interlude✦

"Come, Thou Fount"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts.
May they be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst." In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

The Communion Prayer

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

We are ready!

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty,

We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

The Story

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said...

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said...

"Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Blessing the Bread and Cup

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread ...

We participate in the Body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing ...

We participate in the new life Christ gives.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

The Family Meal ✧

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Adapted from the Church of Ireland

Mighty God, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, the Christ, welcomed us as your children, and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

As we give thanks for the gift of this bread, Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

And as we lift the cup of your covenant, Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine one body with our Savior Jesus Christ. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

O Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise. Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. Amen.

And now with the confidence of your children, we offer the prayer our Savior taught us:

*Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in 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.

Sending Forth

God is good,

All the time.

All the time.

God is good.

Go in Peace, beloved friends!

Amen.

Prelude to Service ✦

"Festive Trumpet Tune"



*GO FORTH IN PEACE
AND SERVE IN LOVE!*



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 8th



Love thy Neighbor Mask Policy

Not everyone is vaccinated so let's show love and concern for the welfare of ALL our neighbors. Masks are required everywhere in the building, except when seated in your pew during worship. **No Exceptions!** Remember to continually practice *Social Distancing everywhere in the church.*

Outdoor Picnic Service



Zion's annual worship & picnic service will be held August 22nd at 10am at City Park's West Pavilion (*btwn the softball field and tennis courts*). The church will provide chicken and drinks, but due to the pandemic, each family unit is asked to bring side dishes for their family unit (*no sharing outside of family units*). More info: www.facebook.com/events/1160380774444613

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children, grandchildren, teachers, and educators are invited to bring their backpacks (figuratively or literally) to church on August 29th to receive a special school year blessing. We will also be blessing our Micah's backpacks and all donated school supplies.

More info: www.facebook.com/events/549138152880333



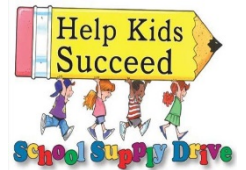
Ongoing Food Collection



Ongoing collection of non-perishable food items, hygiene items, and pet supplies to restock the Zion Food Pantry are always welcome. As you harvest your gardens, the food pantry will gladly accept any extra fruits and veggies! Please bring your offerings for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord as you are able.

School Supplies Drive

As part of our community outreach efforts, we are accepting school supply donations (#2 Pencils, Sharpeners, Erasers, Coloring Books, Dry Erase Markers, Wet Wipes, Colored Pencils, Washable Markers, Glue, Crayons, Notebooks, and Socks) so that we as a faith community may help ensure no child is left without the supplies they need. Donations will be made to Bester Elementary and the local Head Start program in early September. Please bring your donations to the church as you are able and place in the designated collection totes in the foyer.



Blessing of the Prayer Blankets (Sep 19th during worship)

More info coming soon!

Zion Pet Blessing Service (Sep 26th during worship)

More info coming soon!

Catoctin Association's 40 Days of Prayer (Oct 6th – Nov 20th)

More info: www.facebook.com/events/259277855659636

Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting (Oct 12th-16th)

More info: www.facebook.com/events/806316080078547

Catoctin Association Fall Meeting @ Zion (9am-1pm, Nov 20th)

More info: www.facebook.com/events/1240824939664927

Zion's Dinner Theater (5pm, Nov 20th) \$15/individual or \$25/couple

More info: www.facebook.com/events/551779426012952



Joys & Concerns

As a community of believers, we are all called to ministry, some as ordained ministers, the rest of us as laity. It is in our very being that we minister to one another. We celebrate one another's joys with grateful hearts before our God and we comfort one another when any of the flock has a heavy heart. First Corinthians 12:12 tells us, "That just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." It is in that spirit; that we share any concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts along with any joys that may be lifting our spirits.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Doug Wade** (Aug 8th), **Barry Newlin** (Aug 9th), **Carol Mooers** (Aug 12th), **Michelle Ferguson** (Aug 12th), **Stacey Shealer-Broadwater** (Aug 13th)! May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives are filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Tess Anderson](#), [Kelly Bedard](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [John Byl](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Ruth Dwyer](#), [Rusty Guessford](#), [Jim Hatfield](#), [Mike Heyser](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Jeanne France Hvidding](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Mike Lorfing](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm Schmidt](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Janet Taylor](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).



Search & Call Committee Meeting – Aug 9th at 5:30 pm.

Soup Kitchen / Food Pantry – Aug 10th from 5pm-6:15pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required when not seated!

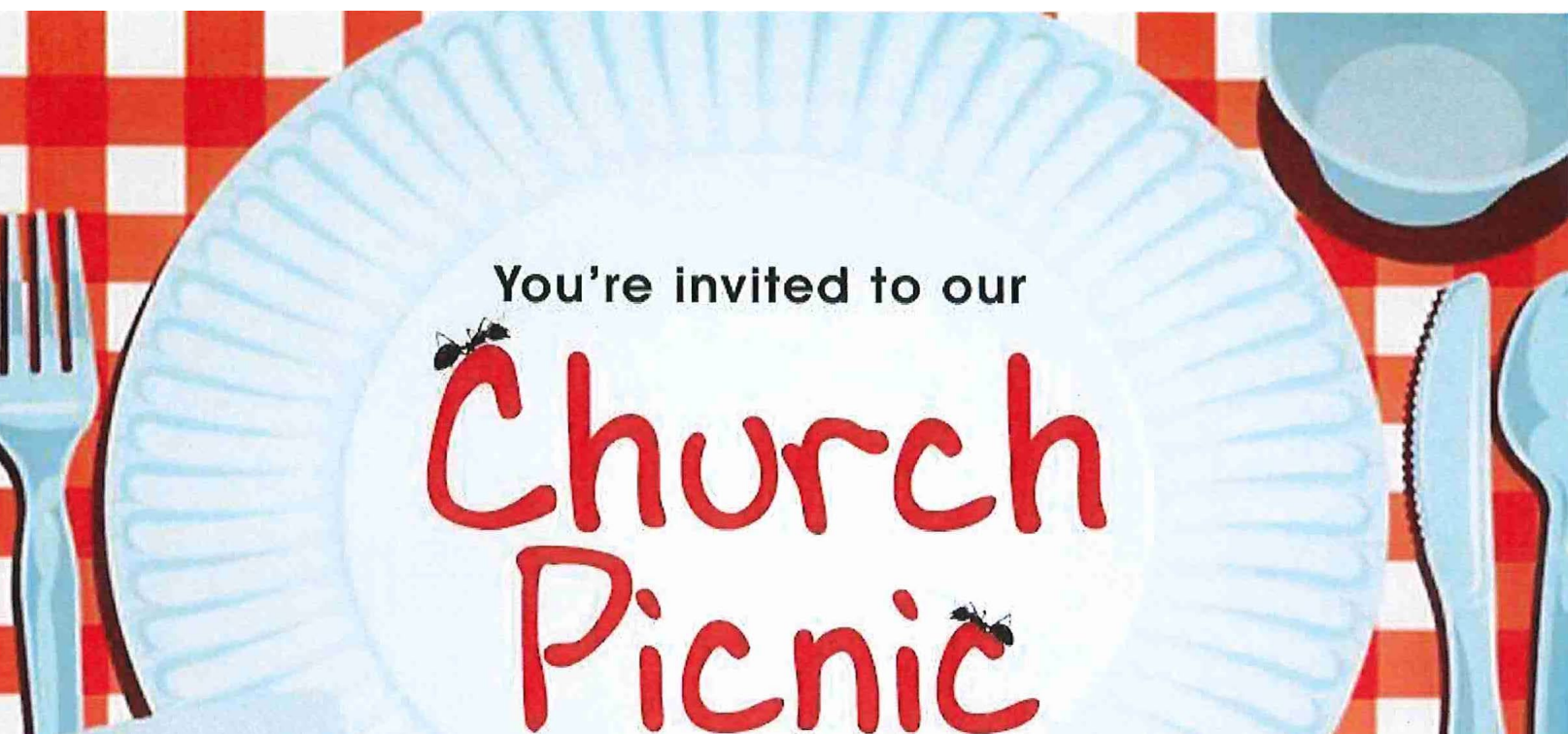
Soup Kitchen: www.facebook.com/events/742513769694683

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Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Aug 12th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID [815 1055 0627](#) Passcode [899733](#).





ZION REFORMED UCC invites you to our annual church picnic. This outdoor worship service will be held **August 22nd, 2021**, at 10am at City Park's West Pavilion (between the tennis courts and softball fields in rear of park).

The church will provide chicken and drinks for all. Each family is asked to bring side dishes for their family to share. No shared foods outside of family units due to pandemic safety precautions.

Let us worship God together in the beauty of God's creation!

HAGERSTOWN CITY PARK - WEST PAVILION
CITY PARK DRIVE, HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740
(BTWN SOFTBALL FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS)

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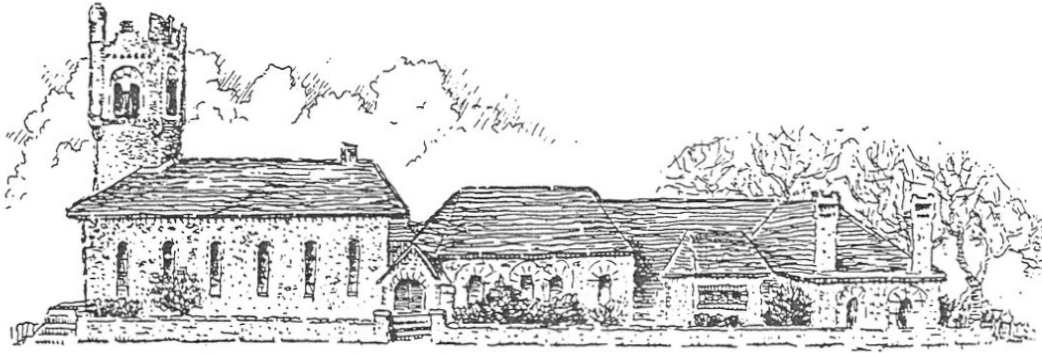
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