ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ♣ October 3rd, 2021 ♣ 11 A.M.



Worship Guide

Let All Creation Praise!

Meditation of the Day

"Who am I helping, what am I breaking, what am I giving, what am I taking?"

~ Gloria E. Anzaldua ~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

↑An invitation to stand ↓An invitation to sit Congregational Responses are in **Bold**. → Indicates Music Selection Please silence all mobile devices.

Gathering Music Assurance Medley

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship "The Heavens Declare"

↑ Call to Community Presentation of Breads

↓Opening Prayer

Creating God, words are not enough to express Your awesomeness, Your majesty, Your holiness. Our highest expressions of theology are but baby talk next to You: Your creation, Your very self. Make us aware, through Your Holy Spirit, that You are here among us.

May this awareness lead us to approach this hour more carefully. The words we speak, the tunes we sing, the thoughts we think, the joy and sadness we feel, may these be pleasing to You. For in spite of the inadequacy of our words, this worship is addressed to You. Make it complete, whole, full to overflowing, O God, our rock, and our redeemer. In Christ we pray. Amen.

First Hebrew Lesson Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

God has glorified you.

Children's Time

(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD The Holy Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (NRSV) Lector: Amber Nilson

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Gospel Lesson

John 21:15-19 (NRSV) Rev. Katie Penick

'When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

The Message Grace

Contemplative Interlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Thank you, loving God, for uniting us with Christ and with one another. Lead us to help and pray for each other, and to live our lives in praise to you and in service to all in need. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Preparing for the Meal

First, God created one person.

But it was not right for that one person to be alone.

That person had God, but needed an equal, so God made animals.

How about a cow...

... a dog

... a tiger

...an elephant

... a snake

But it still wasn't enough, so God made another person, an equal, someone to share with, and talk with. God created relationship. God created communion.

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

And then God took it one step further. God looked at the many people living in relationship with one another and decided to join the community! God came to be with us as one of us, and his human family called him Jesus.

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

And one night, when Jesus sat with his community, he took bread, and broke it, and blessed it, saying, "This is my body." Then he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood."

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one body of Christ.

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Bone of our bone; flesh of our flesh: one with each other and all humanity: the Body of Christ. We invite you to come forward and share in the breads and fruit that is gathered at the table. Feel free to share with the person next to you, and saying to one another,

"Bone of our bone; Flesh of our flesh: The Body of Christ!"

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table has been prepared for you!

Sharing the Meal

↑Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Sending Forth

As you leave this sacred space, live out your connection with one another,

We know that all humanity is bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh,

One world. One Body. One communion. Amen!

Prelude to Service

Processional on "Westminster Abbey"



AND SERVE IN LOVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 3rd



Mask Policy

Not everyone is vaccinated, let us show our love for ALL of our neighbors by wearing our face masks at all times inside the Church, and by practicing social distancing when interacting with one another. #RootedInLove



Pastoral Search Surveys Due Today

If you have not completed your Pastoral Search Survey yet, the Search & Call Committee requests that you do so. The deadline to submit your response is today. The survey is available online or as a hardcopy. If you need the link or a print version, please see Kim Ridenour or Rae Smith today.

FREE Family Movie Night *This Saturday*

FREE Admission. FREE Food. Fun for All Ages! Plan to attend Zion's *OutDoor Family Movie Night* on October 9th in the Church parking lot for a viewing of Disney Pixar's animated movie, "*Onward*". Bring your lawn chair and/or blanket for some good fall family fun. Concessions open at 7pm with music and raffle drawings. Concessions include hot dogs, steamers, popcorn, cotton candy, hot coca, and more. Movie begins at 8pm.

More Info: www.facebook.com/events/785473635486572.



Mental Health Sunday Next Week

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We join with the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network this Mental Health Sunday in calling faith communities to become intentionally inclusive places where God's Kin-dom manifests through relationships of mutual respect for all people, including those living with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, neurodevelopmental

differences, brain disorders, and their families. As our communities slowly emerge from the collective trauma of COVID-19 combined with the losses of the pandemic weighing heavily on our lives and communities, mental health awareness is that much more important. Guest speaker Rev. Ron Shank from Brook Lane's Pastoral Care Department will be ministering.





Hagerstown's annual Mummers' Parade will be held October 30th from 6-11pm, reserve your seat in front of Zion, right along the parade route! Sidewalk seats are \$6.00/ticket and wall seats are \$5.00/ticket. All proceeds raised go directly to Christian Education in support of the Rev. Arthur Grove Class, Young Adult Class, and Children's Class.

Other Announcements

Have you considered serving on the Church Consistory and being a voice to lead us into the future? Consistory nominations for those interested in serving in 2022 are being collected and can be submitted to the Church office. Our Congregational Meeting voting in new consistory members will be held December 5th after worship.

Remembrance Sunday will be Nov 21st as we celebrate the lives of loved ones that passed between Nov 2020 to Oct 31st of this year. Please submit name, DOB, DOD, picture (if available) and obituary link (if available) by Nov 15th of anyone that you would like to honor this solemn day. In lieu of All Saint's Day at the beginning of Nov, we will be remembering our loved ones on Totenfest Sunday, the German-Reformed day of remembrance.

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Carroll Sager** (Oct 4th), **Rebecca Sager** (Oct 4th), and **Bill Cook** (Oct 4th). Happy Anniversary to **Maggie & Scott Richardson** (Oct 9th) and **Ruth & John Dwyer** (Oct 9th). 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 is 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: Barnhart Family, Beanie, Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, John Byl,

Linda Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Sonny Crebbs, Beth Gross, Rusty Guessford, Rev. Ann Holmes, Tracy Hull, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Dee Krause, Lulu Lane, Mike Lorfing, Ohlhoff Family, Diane Pugh, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Norm and Lori Schmidt, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Thelma Summers, Eleanor Wible, and Robert Yeoman.

Lector Ministry



Lector this week is **Amber Nilson**. Next week's scheduled lector is **Barb Hendershot**.

*If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at connectionssixeight@gmail.com or 240.203.0854.



Consistory Meeting – Oct 4th @ 7pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

Soup Kitchen / Food Pantry – Oct 5th from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement Fellowship Hall. More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Catoctin Association 40 Days of Prayer Begins - Oct 6th

Service Workers – Oct 6th @ 10am

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Oct 7th at 4:30pm via Zoom. https://zoom.us/join/join -- Meeting ID 815 1055 0627 Passcode 899733.

Free Outdoor Family Movie Night – Oct 9th @ 8pm Concessions, prize drawings, & music beginning at 7pm, movie begins at 8pm. More Info at www.facebook.com/events/785473635486572 **Rise Up** and raise our voices in support of **permanent housing** for women, men, and non-binary persons.



The National Coalition for the Homeless categorizes homelessness into three types:

- **1 Chronic homelessness** are people who consider shelters as their permanent home rather than just an emergency arrangement.
- **Transitional homelessness** pertains to those who go to shelters for a short period of time before transitioning into a more stable home.
- **Episodic homelessness** are individuals who go in and out of a homeless situation due to personal problems regarding mental health, unemployment, and substance abuse.



Did you know that approximately 17 people per 10,000 experience homelessness each day?

"With 552,830 US individuals living in a state of homelessness, things are just not looking great. Still, it is a small percentage compared to the overall US population – which counts over 327.2 million." (source: Whitehouse)

As we begin to pivot away from a world too long shrouded under the grip of a pandemic, there will be those whose households were tragically impacted economically. **To that end, 2021 NIN grants will support the needs of the unhoused homeless.**

For more information visit: https://nationalhomeless.org

With your generous support, the UCC, through the 2021 offering, helps its members live out their beliefs via acts of service. Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy, programming, and grants. One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM.



www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you!







From Oct 6th through Nov 20th we join with the Catoctin Association in praying 40 days, excluding Sundays for each of the congregations within our association. Kneeling in prayer as one association lifting one another up unites us as one and puts in action our covenantal commitment to love and support one another as siblings in Christ. Let us strengthen and encourage each other and see what new chapter of faith emerges in our region!



Catoctin Association Fall Meeting November 20th, 2021

Hybrid Format via Zoom and at Zion Reformed UCC, Hagerstown



40 Days 38 Congregations 1 Association United in Prayer

Website: www.catoctinucc.org Facebook: @catoctinucc.org Instagram: CatoctinAssociation

Prayer Schedule

October 6th - Apples UCC, Thurmont, MD
October 7th - Grace Trinity - Frederick, MD
October 8th - Trinity Reformed, Boonsboro, MD
October 9th - Christ Reformed, Martinsburg, WV

October 11th - Trinity, Thurmont, MD

October 12th - St. Marks Snydersburg, Hampstead, MD October 13th - Emmanuel Baust, Westminster, MD

October 14th - Church of the Incarnation, Emmitsburg, MD

October 15th - St. Marys, Westminster, MD
October 16th - Christ Reformed, Middletown, MD
October 18th - Jefferson UCC, Jefferson, MD

October 19th - St. Stephens, Highfield, MD
October 20th - St. Johns, Woodsboro, MD
October 21st - Mt. Tabor, Rocky Ridge, MD

October 22nd - St. Matthew's Pleasant Valley, Westminster, MD

October 23rd - Christ Reformed, Sharpsburg, MD
October 25th - Evangelical Reformed, Frederick, MD
October 26th - Christ Reformed, Shepherdstown, WV

October 27th - St. Paul's, Westminster, MD
October 28th - Lazarus, Lineboro, MD
October 29th - Grace, Frederick, MD

October 30th - Mt. Vernon Reformed, Keedysville, MD November 1st - Grace Reformed, Kearneysville, WV

November 2nd - Glade, Walkersville, MD November 3rd - Mt. Pleasant, Frederick, MD

November 4th - Benjamin-Kreider's, Westminster, MD

November 5th - St. John's, Clear Spring, MD

November 6th - Grace, Keysville, MD

November 8th - Christ Reformed, Cavetown, MD

November 9th - Church of the Holy Trinity, Hagerstown, MD

November 10th - The Keep & Till, Westminster, MD

November 11th - Trinity, Manchester, MD

November 12th - Christ's Reformed, Hagerstown, MD November 13th - Zion Reformed, Hagerstown, MD

November 15th - Faith, Frederick, MD

November 16th - St. James, Lovettsville, VA November 17th - Grace, Taneytown, MD

November 18th - St. John's, Sabillasville, MD

November 19th - Connections 6:8, Hagerstown, MD November 20th - Catoctin Association *(Fall Meeting)*



Day 1 - October 6th: Apples UCC, Thurmont, MD

Clergy: Vacant

We pray with Apples UCC:

Holy and Ever-Present God, ruler of all things seen and unseen, the music of all creation: the congregation of Apples Church asks for stability, joy, happiness, and a heart to serve our community, each other, and ourselves. Grant us the wisdom we need to make decisions that reflect Your sovereign will and the willing service of Apples UCC. Help us to hear Your voice in the music of the world, in the quiet of the garden, and the harmony of the choirs of the world. Help us to walk willingly in your paths, to graciously share your love with others, and to humbly accept your guidance in our service. Amen.

Explore Apples UCC at http://applesucc.org

Day 2 - October 7th: Grace Trinity UCC, Frederick, MD

Clergy: Nancy Spittell (Lay Minister)

We pray with Grace Trinity UCC:

Almighty God, whose Son prayed for his disciples that they might all be one: Grant that the people of Grace Trinity UCC might be united to each other and to us in one body by Your Spirit, that their community might know the goodness of God and the warmth of the Holy Spirit, and that they might work out your purposes for them with love and conviction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 3 - October 8th: Trinity Reformed UCC, Boonsboro, MD

Clergy: Rev. Michelle Beadle (Supply Pastor)

We pray with Trinity Reformed UCC:

Holy and Ever-Present God, ruler of all things seen and unseen, the music of all creation: the congregation of Apples Church asks for stability, joy, happiness, and a heart to serve our community, each other, and ourselves. Grant us the wisdom we need to make decisions that reflect Your sovereign will and the willing service of Apples UCC. Help us to hear Your voice in the music of the world, in the quiet of the garden, and the harmony of the choirs of the world. Help us to walk willingly in your paths, to graciously share your love with others, and to humbly accept your guidance in our service. Amen.

Explore Trinity Reformed UCC at https://facebook.com/trucc.boonsboro.org

Day 4 - October 9th: Christ Reformed UCC, Martinsburg, WV

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Hartshorn

We pray with Christ Reformed UCC:

Grant, Lord God, to all the members of Christ Reformed UCC, having been united to Christ in his death and resurrection, that as they have put away the old life, they might be renewed in the spirit of their minds, and with courage walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Explore Christ Reformed UCC at https://facebook.com/christreformeducc

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