

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost ☛ October 17th, 2021 ☛ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Let All Creation Praise!

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Meditation of the Day

*"If we don't stand up for children,
we don't stand up for much."*

~ Marian Wright Edelman ~

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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✦

Medley

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

"In Thee is Gladness"

↑ Call to Community

Each morning, God's grace awakens us, each evening, God's peace cradles us.

Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work, school, the day.

In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.

Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out fairness.

When we find ourselves groping in the shadows, God's light will provide a way home.

We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and find a feast prepared.

↓Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

God of great and small, old and young, near and far, oh God of all, we confess that our love is not like yours. In the face of injustice, we often feel helpless or hopeless. We give in to despair about ending poverty, stopping gun violence, or uniting families torn apart by forces more powerful than them. Help us to work for justice, especially to end poverty. Help us to love kindness, working especially to end violence. Help us to walk humbly with you, opening our arms to all children as did the one we follow and in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Meditative Interlude✦

"Now in the Days of Youth"

Children's Time

(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD
The Holy Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)

Lector: Carol Mooers

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Gospel Lesson ✦

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Message by Pastor Katie

Open Your Eyes!

Contemplative Interlude ✦

"This is My Father's World"

Stewardship Moment

Barb Hendershot

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Questions

Leader, Child of God, and Congregational Responses (All)

- Leader: We come to this place, not because we know the answers, but because we are willing to seek them together.
- Child of God: Why have we come here today?
- Leader: We are here because Jesus invited us. When Jesus was on earth, he often enjoyed meals with friends.
- Child of God: What happened on the night before Jesus died?
- Leader: On the night before he died, when darkness was beginning to fall, he sat down to eat a precious meal with his disciples.
- Child of God: What did they do and say?
- Leader: At this last supper, Jesus broke bread and took wine. He told his disciples to remember him by following his example.
- Child of God: Why should we celebrate this today?
- Leader: Today, we are his disciples and we are glad to do what he told us. It helps us remember.
- Child of God: What is on the table, and what does it remind us of?
- Leader: On the table we have this bread and this cup! Jesus took the bread and the cup to be put aside for this special use. And he gave thanks... so together, let us give thanks.
- Child of God: How can we give thanks?
- Leader: We give thanks together.
- Leader: God be with you.
- All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to God!

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Child of God: What are some of the things God has done for us?

Leader: Loving God, you made this world for us to enjoy. You gave us Jesus to be our friend and bring us to you. You continue to send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ.

Child of God: How can we respond?

All: **For these gifts of love we thank you and join with the Angels and the saints, in joyful praise.**

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

Prelude to Service ✨

"Festival Alleluia"



GO FORTH IN PEACE AND SERVE IN LOVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of October 17th

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*



Harvest Home Sunday *Next Week*



Give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, and bless those in need in our local community by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to Zion's Food Bank and Micah's Backpack ministries. Non-perishable food items, hygiene items, baby-care items, non-perishable pet supplies, and monetary donations accepted. Let us count the blessings God has given us by being a blessing to our neighbors.

Currently Accepting Consistory Nominations

Have you considered serving the Church in a greater capacity? Are you a visionary ready to help ensure the future of our beloved congregation? We need you to volunteer to serve on the 2022 Consistory! See Becky Owens for more information or contact the Church Office to submit your self-nomination, or recommend another person for us to ask.



Reformation Sunday



Reformation Sunday is October 31st. Martin Luther was a monk, theologian, and religious reformer. ...to express his concerns with other members of the church. This simple action laid the groundwork for the Protestant Reformation of which we are a direct descendant of as a United Church of Christ church.

City-Wide Trick or Treat

Join us here at the church on Sunday evening, October 31st, as we participate in the city's trick-or-treat night from 6-8pm, giving out treats in a safe-fun atmosphere to the children. Treats will include: hot dogs, candy bags, popcorn, hot cocoa, and more.



Remembrance Sunday



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.

In the Wider Church

The Central Atlantic Conference just concluded its 57th Annual Meeting with a successful jam-packed week of workshops, services, and trainings. The theme of the week was Remember – Renew – Rejoice. As we remember our roots, let us renew our commitment to doing God's work in the new and mighty ways God has in store, and rejoice!



Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Megan Graff** (Oct 19th). Happy Anniversary to **Beth & Matt McDonald** (Oct 17th), and **Jess & Corey Green** (23rd). 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: [Beanie](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Rev. Ann Holmes](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [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 **Carol Mooers**. Next week's scheduled lector is **Rae Smith**.

**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.*

40 Days of Prayer Continues

40 Days of Prayer hosted by the Catoctin Association, continues with week 3 this week. Join us as we pray for each congregation within our association during this time, putting our covenantal responsibilities to one another within the association in action! More info at www.facebook.com/CatoctinAssociation.



Soup Kitchen / Food Pantry – Oct 19th from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Oct 21st at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**.

Zion Book Club – Oct 22nd @ 79m at Sue Graff's. Contact Church Office for more info.

**40 Days of Prayer continues through November 20th*



Listening to Heal Our Children

All across our nation this October, places of worship from every religious tradition are joining in the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. Together we are asking our children and youths "Where Does It Hurt?" and listening as the first step in working together to heal hurts, prevent further harm, and join in action and advocacy so that all children may thrive. We are called to listen deeply and attentively to the voices of our children and youths as they share their experiences, their struggles and success, their hopes and hurts, their pain and persistence in this year of pandemic, poverty, racial reckoning, and more.

As you read the following excerpts from *The State of America's Children 2021*, you are invited to reflect:

- How does what we hear in the voices and experience of our children relate to this broader picture?
- How can we respond to those closest to us and to the challenges facing children and youths more broadly?
- How do I feel called to respond in light of my faith, moral understanding, or the teaching and traditions of my religious community?
- What can I do as one person and how might I join with others?
- How might I hear more from the voices of children, youths, and families that are impacted by what is being described?

The high cost of child care and lack of early childhood investments leaves many children without quality care during critical years of brain development. Center-based child care for an infant cost more than public college tuition in 28 states and the District of Columbia in 2019. More than 80 percent of two-child families were paying more for child care than for rent.

Millions of children live in food-insecure households, lacking reliable access to safe, sufficient, and nutritious food. More than 1 in 7 children—10.7 million—were food insecure. Black and Hispanic children were twice as likely to live in food-insecure households as white children. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helped feed 17 million children in 2018—nearly a quarter of all children in America. Half of all families that received SNAP in 2019 were not able to get enough healthy food, however, because SNAP benefits were too low. Among households with children, monthly SNAP benefits averaged just \$118 a person—or less than \$4 a day.

The lack of affordable housing and federal rental assistance leaves millions of children homeless or at risk of homelessness. More than 1 in 3 children live in households burdened by housing costs, meaning more than 30 percent of their family income goes toward housing. More than 1.5 million children enrolled in public schools experienced homelessness during the 2017-2018 school year.

Child and teen gun deaths hit a 19-year high in 2017 and have remained elevated since. Gun violence was the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 1-19 in 2018, surpassing motor vehicle accidents for the first time. In 2019, 3,371 children and teens were killed with guns—one every 2 hours and 36 minutes.

Family separation and anti-immigrant policies are dangerous to children's health, development, and well-being. Nearly 1 in 4, approximately 18 million, U.S. children lived with at least one immigrant parent in 2018. An estimated 6.9 million children lived with undocumented parents. Chronic uncertainty and distress about the threat of enforcement activity destroy children's sense of safety and their mental health.

Download the complete report and view State-By-State Fact Sheets at www.childrensdefense.org/state-of-americas-children.

The State of America's Children® in MARYLAND

2021 Factsheet



Child Population

- **1,334,687** children lived in Maryland in 2019.
- **59 percent** were children of color: 31 percent were Black; 16 percent were Hispanic; 6 percent were Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; and <1 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native.

Child Poverty

- **12 percent** of Maryland's children were poor in 2019—a total of **156,992** children—and children of color were disproportionately poor.
- **19 percent** of Black, **15 percent** of Hispanic and **6 percent** of white children were poor.
- **6 percent** of children were extremely poor (their family had income below half the poverty level).
- **12 percent** of children under 6 were poor.

Income and Wealth Inequality

- **\$130,500** was the median income for white families with children compared with **\$71,700** for Black and **\$68,700** for Hispanic families in 2019.

Housing and Homelessness

- **17,601** unhoused children were enrolled in public schools during 2017-2018.
- **2.6 full-time jobs** at minimum wage were needed for a family to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent in FY2020.

Child Hunger and Nutrition

- **16 percent** of children lived in food-insecure households in 2018.
- **19 percent** of children relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in FY2018.
- **79 percent** of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch during the 2018-2019 school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2019.

Child Health

- **47,782** children ages 0-18 (**3 percent**) were uninsured in 2019.
- **622,786** children ages 0-18 were enrolled in Maryland Children's Health Program (combined Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program) in 2019.

Early Childhood

- **\$15,680** was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2019.
- **38 percent** of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded preschool during 2018-2019.

Education

- **78 percent** of Black, **78 percent** of Hispanic and **52 percent** of white 4th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2019.
- **80 percent** of Black, **79 percent** of Hispanic and **50 percent** of white 8th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2019.
- **85 percent** of Black, **72 percent** of Hispanic and **93 percent** of white students graduated high school on time during 2017-2018.
- **7 percent** of Black, **2 percent** of Hispanic and **2 percent** of white public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2015-2016.

Child Welfare

- **7,661** children were abused or neglected in 2019.
- **3,840** children were in foster care on the last day of FY2019.

Youth Justice

- **549** children were in residential placement in 2017. **77 percent** were Black; **8 percent** were Hispanic; and **15 percent** were white.
- **16** children were in adult jails or prisons in 2019.

Gun Violence

- **58** children and teens were killed with guns in 2019.

Note: All numbers in this factsheet are included in the Children's Defense Fund's *The State of America's Children® 2021* report, and most have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Facts for states and the District of Columbia were omitted when data were not available. Citations for all data may be found in *The State of America's Children® 2021*.



Restock the **SHELVES**

Please help us restock the shelves of our Food Pantry so we can continue with this much needed ministry.

Here is a list of some of the items we are in need of.

Food Items

Single serving cereal
Breakfast Bars
Granola Bars
Single serving Tuna Creations
Individual cups of Fruit and Applesauce
Canned or Dried Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Canned Meat
Hamburger Helper
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Brown or White Rice
Raman Noodles
Fruit Juice and Tea Mixes
Canned Tuna and Salmon
Canned Chicken
Canned Soups, Chili, and Stew
Chef Boyardee

Snack Cakes and Pies
Dried Fruit
Peanut Butter
Oatmeal
Olive Oil
Canola Oil
Crackers
Dried Spices, Salt and Pepper
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Meals in a Box
Nuts
Popcorn

Anything else you can think of that does not have to be refrigerated or microwaved. (Some of our neighbors do not have access to these things)

Non-Food Items

Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Razors
Deodorant
Individually wrapped toilet paper
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Small packs of Clorox wipes

Paper Towels
Diapers
Baby wipes
Pull Ups
Wash cloths
Feminine products
Pet Food

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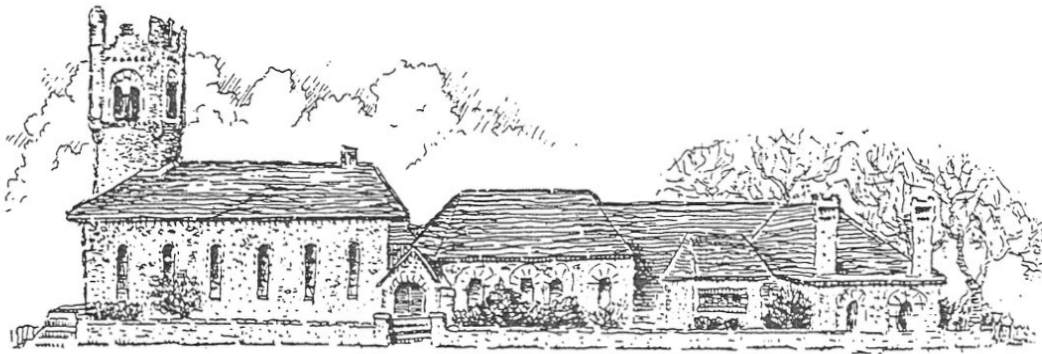
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