

# ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost ☞ October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 ☞ 11 A.M.



Meditation of the Day

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."*

~ Martin Luther ~



## WORSHIP GUIDE

*Let All Creation Praise!*

## *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✦

*"Toccata and Fugue in D-Minor"*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

↑ Call to Community

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!":

**We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"**

In a world that wants us to hate the other:

**We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."**

In a world that radicalizes:

**We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality.  
Radical with our hope. Radical with our love.**

Come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

**Let us gather together and worship God.**

↓Lighting Candles of Reforming Hope and Love

*~silence is kept~*

Meditative Interlude✦

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

Children's Time

*(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)*

## *WE HEAR GOD'S WORD*

*The Holy Scriptures*

Hebrew Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)*

Lector: Wells Ridenour

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their

hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Lesson ✠

*Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)*  
Rev. Katie Penick

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Message by Rev. Katie Penick

*Covenantal Love*

Contemplative Interlude ✠

*"Faith of Our Ancestors"*

### *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD*

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them.  
Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!  
Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God our refuge be with you!

**And also with you!**

People of God, lift your hearts to the One who created you.

**We offer them to God, who writes words of hope upon our hearts.**

God's children, come to the Table of grace.

**We will feast on the wonders of the God who loves us.**

Your creative hand revolved and evolved, molding goodness out of chaos, as the first morning dawned, mountains emerging from the mist, running rivers flowing with baptismal promises.

Reforming God, you created us for moments just like this, giving us peace and justice, gifting us with sacred love.

Too often we stray, listening to lures and temptations, writing their lies on our hearts. Longing to be our own God, you sent us prophets to call us to be your people, but over and over again we refused to listen. Finally, you sent us Jesus the one who could change our world forever.

And we are changed – we are the bearers of the promises of peace and justice and sacred love. We carry your reforming Spirit in our hearts.

Today we stand with our siblings in Christ:

With those whose hearts are broken, and those who long for your days of peace,  
We stand with those who long for a glimpse of your loving presence.

Together we offer our thanks to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who forms our hearts.  
All creation finds refuge in your tender care.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who sets us free by your truth!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

You are our strength, God of holiness, Jesus Christ our Savior and the Spirit of Hope. When our lives are filled with despair, you are our Hope; when we are lost and cannot find our way, you are our Help; when the world closes its doors and heart to us, you are our Refuge; when cruelty and death surround us, you are our Redeemer, present with us in this life and in the one to come.

God in Community, Holy in One.

Today we remember Jesus life, death, and resurrection, as he continues to re-form us into your people, we proclaim that mystery called faith:

**Christ died, his heart broken for us;  
Christ is risen, resurrection written upon his heart;  
Christ is ever with us, in every moment, until your days come.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this Table, and upon the gathered people who seek to be your faithful people.

The bread symbolizes that Life, though given, which can reshape our brokenness into the peace which a warring world needs, the hope which can bring healing to others.

The cup which is filled with your grace can strengthen us to be new people, who go forth to speak truth to power, who bring freedom to all the oppressed.

And when your days of eternity finally come, when we gather as your children around the Table of wonder and life, we will sing your praises forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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

Because God has not forsaken us,

**we will go to be with all rejected by our world.**

Because Jesus has not left us alone,

**we will be sisters and brothers to all who are lonely.**

Because the Spirit has not forgotten us,

**we will remember those who are oppressed and work to bring them justice.**

Prelude to Service ✦

*"Paeon (Hymn of Praise)"*

*GO FORTH IN PEACE*



*AND SERVE IN LOVE!*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of October 31<sup>st</sup>

## 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*



## Thank You!



A very special thank you to those who donated candy, volunteered, and or stopped by to support us at the Downtown Hagerstown Block Party Trick-or-Treat. Due to everyone's support, the event was a huge success with many community members stopping by.

## 40 Days of Prayer

Week five of 40 Days of Prayer begins this Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, as we join with our sibling congregations within the Catoctin Association to pray for one another. This is a great opportunity to remember that we belong to an entire network of churches, an association, within the Catoctin region, and to practice of our covenantal responsibility to love and support one another in mission and Word. Daily posts at [www.facebook.com/CatoctinAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CatoctinAssociation) and weekly posts on our Facebook event page at [www.facebook.com/events/259277925659629](https://www.facebook.com/events/259277925659629).



## Fall Meeting of the Catoctin Association



The 40<sup>th</sup> day of the 40 Days of Prayer concludes with the Fall Association Meeting of the Catoctin Association which will be hosted here at Zion on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm. The event is free and open to all Zion participants to attend. More information is available at [www.zionreformed.church/cafallmtg](https://www.zionreformed.church/cafallmtg). Register online or let the Church Office know you want to attend and we can register you.

## Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held December 5th after worship to approve our budget for 2022, elect new Consistory members, and other business relate items of the church. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting so your voice can be heard in helping plan our future.



## Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday will be Nov 21<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate the lives of loved ones that passed between Nov 2020 to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Please submit name, DOB, DOD, picture (if available) and obituary link (if available) by Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 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 **John Schnebley** (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>), **Wells Ridenour** (Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>), and **Jeannette Rinehart** (Nov 8<sup>th</sup>). 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](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Grace Elizabeth](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Rev. Ann Holmes](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Dennis Peters & Family](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Daisy Schlotterbeck](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eleanor Wible](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).

*\*Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks and will be removed at that time unless renewed or requested to remain on the list long-term.*

## *Lector Ministry*



Lector this week is **Wells Ridenour**. Next week's scheduled lector is **TBD**.

*\*If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at [connectionsixeight@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsixeight@gmail.com) or 240.203.0854.*



**All Saints Day** – Monday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**Consistory Meeting** – Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid).

**All Souls Day** – Tuesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Soup Kitchen / Food Pantry** – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.  
More Info at [www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048](https://www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048)

**Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club** – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via Zoom.  
<https://zoom.us/join> -- Meeting ID 815 1055 0627 Passcode 899733.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins** – Nov 7<sup>th</sup> (Set your clocks back before bed Saturday night)

*\*40 Days of Prayer continues through November 20<sup>th</sup>*





## Catoctin Association 40 Days of Prayer – Week 5

### Day 1 – November 1<sup>st</sup>: Grace Reformed UCC, Kearneysville, WV

*We pray with Grace Reformed UCC:*

Our Lord, as we enter into the fall season and the start of a new church year, please hear the prayers of your people at Grace Reformed. Hear their concern for those in the world who are in need of aid, whether for food and shelter or safety from the dangers they encounter in this day and age. Most especially, give them guidance in helping those in their community who need the basics of life that we take for granted. May Grace Reformed UCC Church continue in its support of the 5 for 5 special mission offerings established by the UCC as well as local support of our county food pantries and community ministries, as they remain an active and thankful congregation to continue in the care of others. Amen.

Explore Grace Reformed UCC at [www.gracereformeducc.org](http://www.gracereformeducc.org)  
or on Facebook at [@GraceReformedUCCKearneysvilleWV](https://www.facebook.com/GraceReformedUCCKearneysvilleWV).

### Day 2 – November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Glade UCC, Walkersville, MD

*We pray with Glade UCC:*

God of love, at this time of year we remember in prayer all that have gone before us in faith, and we pray for comfort in all the many forms of loss we face in life. We also pray for a sense of renewal for the people of Glade UCC, for the sound of children's laughter, for choir song, for friends in faith to gather without fear once again. Grant us patience and the inspiration of your spirit as we meet the changes tomorrow will bring. Amen.

Explore Glade UCC at [www.gladchurch.org](http://www.gladchurch.org)  
or on Facebook at [@GladeUCCWalkersville](https://www.facebook.com/GladeUCCWalkersville).

### Day 3 – November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mount Pleasant UCC, Walkersville, MD

*We pray with Mount Pleasant UCC:*

New every morning is your love for us God of creation, and all day long you are working for good in your world. As the world around us resonates with the sights, scents and colors of Autumn, we are reminded of your blessings and the thankfulness we feel in our hearts for those gifts. We thank you for the blessing of the Mt Pleasant United Church of Christ in Walkersville. For their ministry, and their witness to the people in their community we ask your continued blessing. Encourage them, Holy One, with the gift of your Spirit, that they may be empowered for faithful ministry to those around them. We ask this in the name of the One who is your greatest blessing, that same Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Explore Mount Pleasant UCC on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Mount%20Pleasant%20Reformed%20Church/155217194488505](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mount%20Pleasant%20Reformed%20Church/155217194488505).





## Catoctin Association 40 Days of Prayer – Week 5

### Day 4 – November 4<sup>th</sup>: Benjamin Krider’s UCC, Westminster, MD

*We pray with Benjamin Krider’s UCC:*

Loving and Gracious God, we come to you in gratitude for your many blessings on the people of Benjamin’s Krider’s UCC. We pray for the health and vitality of their aging congregation so they can continue to be a presence in their community and seek ways to have a positive impact on many lives. We pray for the ministries that are important to them that they support in different ways, especially Shepherd’s Staff, The Boys’ and Girls’ Club of Westminster and Carroll County Food Sunday. We also ask your blessings on Jamiah Noay, the student they sponsor at the Kalauman Center in the Philippines, and her family. We praise you, Lord, and give you thanks always. Amen.

*Explore Benjamin Krider’s UCC on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KridersUCC](http://www.facebook.com/KridersUCC).*

### Day 5 – November 5<sup>th</sup>: St. John’s UCC, Clear Spring, MD

*We pray with St. John’s UCC:*

God of Compassion and Grace, we believe that you are our ever-present help and guide, the source of all love, and the one who is our hope. Today we lift up the community of St. John’s in Clear Spring, may you be with them, guide them toward your love, and send them to love their neighbors. We especially lift up their newest ministry, the 6:02 community youth group. We ask that you walk alongside St. John’s in the coming weeks, months, and years. Amen.

*Explore St. John’s UCC at [www.stjohnsclearspring.org](http://www.stjohnsclearspring.org)  
or on Facebook at [@StJohnsUCCClearSpring](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCClearSpring).*

### Day 6 – November 6<sup>th</sup>: Grace UCC, Keymar, MD

*We pray with Grace UCC:*

Almighty and Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts you give each of us to use as members of the body of Christ. We ask your blessing for the congregation of Grace United Church of Christ in Keymar as we share your love with others in our community and our world today and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Explore Grace UCC at <https://keysvillegraceucc.wordpress.com>  
or on Facebook at [@KeysvilleGraceUCC](https://www.facebook.com/KeysvilleGraceUCC).*

*Zion Church*  
*Remembrance Commemoration*  
*11:00 a.m., Sunday, November 21, 2021*

Zion Church will be commemorating our loved ones who have died in the past year in a **Remembrance Service** on Sunday, November 21, 2021. In a spirit of prayerful thanksgiving, the names of our loved ones will be read, and candles will be lit during the worship service.

For loved ones you wish to have remembered, please complete this form, and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it off in the church office during the week. You may also submit names by email to [zionrucc@myactv.net](mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net). Please submit the names by Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, so that we can publish all names in the bulletin on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

If you have a picture of your loved one, please include it with this form.



*Remembrance Commemoration*

I would like to remember the following in a spirit of prayerful thanksgiving on Sunday, November 21, 2021 as a part of Zion's Remembrance Service.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to me: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to me: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit form by Sunday, November 14, 2021*

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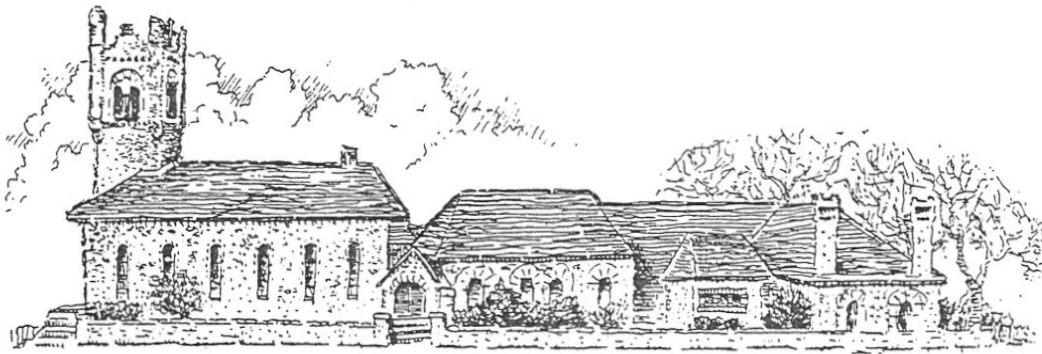
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