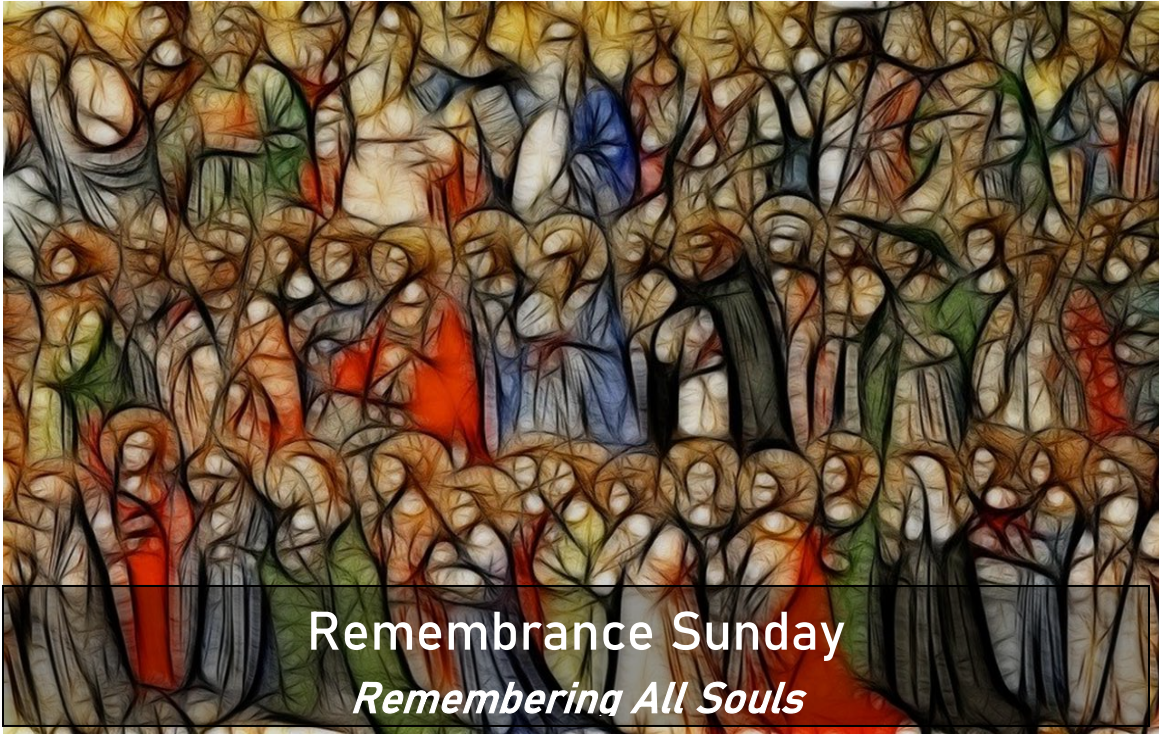


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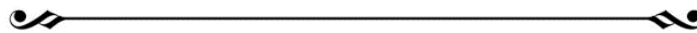
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Meditation of the Day

"The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place."

~ St. Therese of Liseieux ~



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 ✦

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"In Paradisium"

↑ Call to Community

Based on Hebrews 12:1

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of those who came before us.

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandmothers, the faithfulness of friends, the kindness of strangers, the laughter of children, the sacrificial love of parents.

We remember, O God...

The love of Jesus, the blessing of the Spirit, the echo of his words through time, the grief from his suffering and death, and the beauty of resurrection light shining forth: in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, eloquent and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the face of God.

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!

↓ Meditative Interlude ✦

"For All the Saints"

*Due to today's service of remembrance,
there will be no Children's Church
so that we may remember together.*



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD
The Holy Scriptures

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)
Barb Hendershot

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Lesson ✦

John 11:32-44 (NRSV)
Rev. Katie Penick

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The Message by Rev. Katie Penick

What Lies Between...

Contemplative Interlude ✦

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

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.

Welcoming New Members

Invitation

Today we celebrate our unity as the body of Christ, widening the table through the joyful welcome of new members, affirming our faith together in the One made known to us through Zion, the hill of Jerusalem on which David city built the city, the city envisioned in the Kingdom of Heaven, and the church that is built on a rock and rooted in love. I now call forward any who would like to join the church at this time.

Presentation of New Members

Questions of the New Members

We rejoice that we are one with each other in the family of God and we celebrate the gifts you bring to God's church. As you join in the worship and service of this congregation as members, I ask you now:

Do you believe in God, who creates, redeems and sustains the world?

I do.

Do you affirm Jesus Christ as the One who Saves and Redeems us all?

I do.

Will you seek to be Jesus' disciple and to follow his teaching and example- welcoming those on the margins, speaking out against injustice, and showing God's love wherever you are able?

I will, with God's help.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your presence and your prayers, your study and your service, your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

By your baptism you were made one with the body of Christ, the church. Today we give thanks for every community that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate that your journey of faith has lead you to Zion.

We, the members Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into the common life of our congregation. We promise you our friendship and our prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we all continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of God, and to walk together in the way of Christ. Grace to you and peace!

Invitation

Come; gather around the Table with a song of praise! God be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Litany of Remembrance

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

As we remember them.



Naming of Saints, Lighting of Candles, and Ringing of Bells

Lana Rosalie Barnhart (1941 – 2021)
William Thomas Cavey Jr. (1949 – 2021)
Richard D. Coleman (1957 – 2021)
Alice Ann (Robertson) Colton (1939 – 2021)
L. Victor Crist Jr. (1925 – 2021)
Barbara Lee Curry (1944 – 2021)
Ed Minary Dozier (1931 – 2021)
Victoria Bennett “Vicki” Firor (1942 – 2021)
P. Lowell Fox Sr. (1939 – 2021)
Sheldon “Mick” Harley (1949 – 2021)
Jeremy Allen Hockman (1991 – 2021)
Carl Ernest Jackson Jr. (1962 – 2021)
Nancy Louise Kauffmann (1933 – 2021)
Anne G. “Annie” Kaylor (1929 – 2020)
Judith Kenny
Margaret Charleen Kline (1954 – 4 Oct)
Ed Krause (1944 – 2021)
Donald Lee Lohman (1939 – 2021)
Janet Lewis (1954 – 2021)
James Bernard Minnich (1931 – 2021)
Richard “Dick” Morton (1927 – 2021)
Gareth “Gary-Boo” Ohlhoff (2008 – 2021)
Scott Russell Paddack (1962 – 2021)
Gerald Lawrence Penick (1941 – 2020)
Diane Irish Pugh (1964 – 2021)
Lloyd Edward Ritchie (1934 – 2020)
Shirley Mae (Walters) Robinette (1938 – 2021)
Ira Lee and Sara Isabel Simmons
Patricia Ann (Taylor) Swain (1938 – 2021)
Harold Eugene “Gus” Talhelm (1933 – 2020)
Sondra Ann Talhelm (1935 – 2021)
Reverend Marilyn Elizabeth Washburn (1942 – 2021)
Leatrice J. Widmyer (1933 – 2021)
Neil Berkenbush (2021)
Fuji Owens (2008 – 2021)
Victims of COVID-19

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy One. God of remembrance and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder.
Hosanna, among us!**

The Story

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said: "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat." And pouring the wine: "This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Prayer for the Spirit

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives. Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live in Christ, now and forever. And may all the people join together to say...**Amen.**

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

Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

We go out to be God's people.

Go in strength to be the saints of God for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

We go out to be God's people.

Live the way of God with confidence for God is your shepherd, and will guide you to the spring of life.

We go out to be God's people.

Prelude to Service ✧

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Epitaph

A Poem of Remembrance, "Epitaph" by Merrit Malloy

When I die
Give what's left of me away
To children
And old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
Cry for your brother
Walking the street beside you.
And when you need me,
Put your arms
Around anyone
And give them
What you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something,
Something better
Than words
Or sounds.

Look for me
In the people I've known
Or loved,
And if you cannot give me away,
At least let me live on your eyes
And not on your mind.

You can love me most
By letting
Hands touch hands,
By letting
Bodies touch bodies,
And by letting go
Of children
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die,
People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love,
Give me away.



We Remember Loved Ones from Year's Past:

The Cantilena Family Remembers:

Connie Cantilena and Romeo Cantilena

The Dwyer Family Remembers:

Jean Choate, Woodrow Choate, Jim Dwyer, Elizabeth Dwyer, Bill Chumbler

The Clutz Family Remembers:

Sissie Hohman, Daniel Hohman, Geraldine Clutz, McMaw, Auntie, Olive, Yvonne Melby, Candy Seward

Bob Barnhart Remembers:

Clyde Wayne "Wid" Widmyer

The Ridenour Family Remembers:

Sylvia Ridenour, Donald "Donnie" Lewis Jr., and Alvin Ray Kaylor

The Penick Family Remembers:

Barbara Penick, James Penick, Ann Penick, Mark Perlmutter, Leona Perlmutter, Lee Grim, and Steve Tallent

Rae Smith Remembers:

Ricky Pietsch, Mary Rosenfield, and Lewis Rosenfield

Michael Jones Remembers:

Joseph H. Hockman Sr., Evelyn V. Hockman, Joseph H. Hockman Jr., Kenneth Jones, Betty (Wolfensberger) Jones, Nick Jones, Harold William Jones, Dorothy McKenzie, Grandma Messersmith, and Eva P. Ritchie





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of November 21st



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*



Micah's Backpack Team Meeting After Church Today

All Micah's Backpack volunteers are encouraged to attend the team meeting in the Burhan's Room after church today.

Sock Drive



Throughout the month of November, the Service Workers are collecting socks for school-age children to be given to children supported by our Micah's Backpack outreach program. Bring your sock donations with you to church as you are able. The children will appreciate them!

Tree Decorating, Pizza, & Movie

Join us after church next week as we decorate our Christmas trees. After the trees are all trimmed, Christian Ed presents the animated classic cartoon, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and pizza. Be sure to enjoy this time together with one another. This great animated classic will be the basis of the special hybrid Sunday School class for all ages throughout the Advent season.



Fall Meeting of the Catocin Association



The Catocin Association would like to thank Zion Reformed UCC for hosting the Fall Association Meeting yesterday. A special thanks to all those who attended or dedicated many hours in ensuring the success of this honor.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after church on **December 12th**. Please plan to attend this important Church business session. We will be voting on the 2022 budget, considering a proposal to change worship time to 11am year-round, constitution and bylaw revisions, and voting new consistory members in for the 2022 session. It will be a jam-packed session that you don't want to miss because if you aren't there, your voice cannot be heard. A Zoom link will be shared so those unable to attend in-person can attend virtually. The budget proposal and other documents are available in print at the Church and will also be uploaded to the Church website mid-week.



Consistory Nominations & Renewals

- Kim Ridenour (Term Renewal, 3rd Consecutive Term)
- Carroll Sager (Term Renewal, 3rd Consecutive Term)
- Rich Owens (New Member)
- Susie Clutz (New Member)
- Alex Jones (New Member)

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Daisy Schlotterbeck** (Nov 22nd) and **Matt McDonald** (Nov 26th). 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: [Thomas Baker](#), [Beanie](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Grace Elizabeth](#), [Dot Glasscock](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Rev. Ann Holmes](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Minnich 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 **Barb Hendershot**. Next week's scheduled lector is **Carol Mooers**.

**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 or 240.203.0854.*



Christian Ed Committee Meeting – Nov 22nd (See Kim Ridenour for Details)

Tuesday's Supper – Nov 23rd from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

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

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Nov 24th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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

Search & Call Committee Meeting – Nov 24th at 5:30pm

Happy Thanksgiving! – Church Office Closed

Zion Book Club – Nov 26th at 7pm at Sue Graff's

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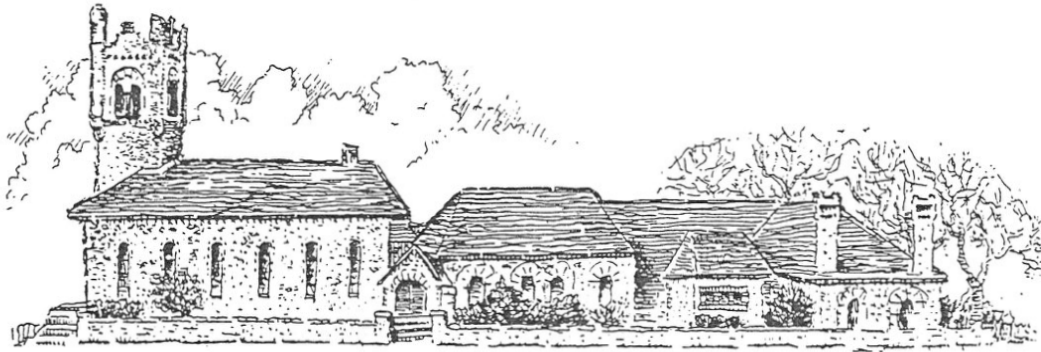
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