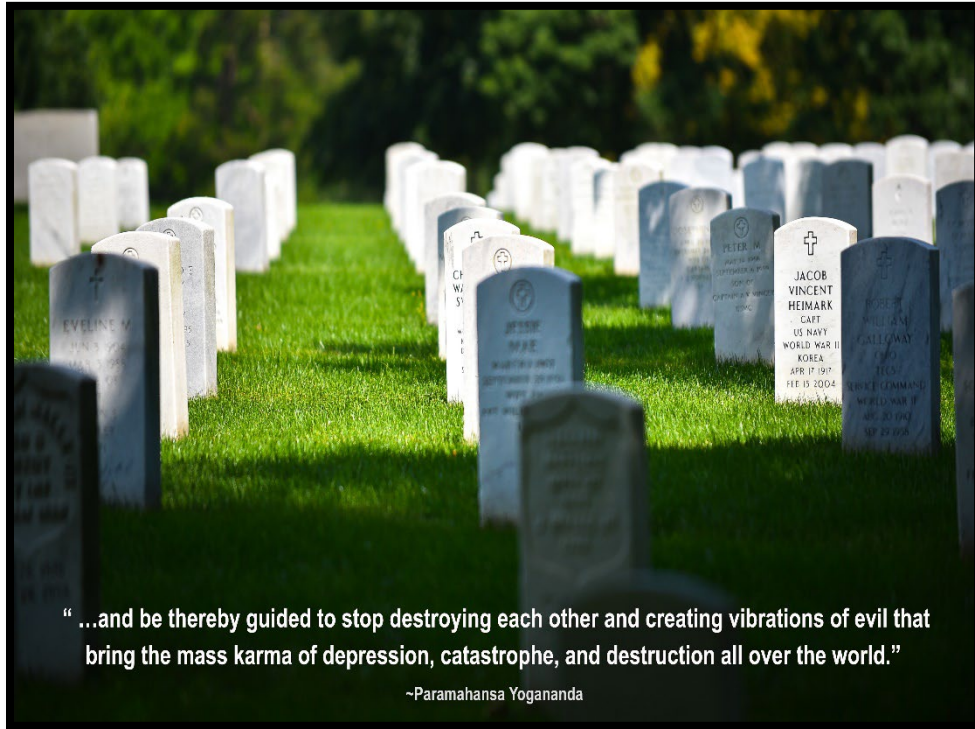


ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh Sunday of Easter ☪ May 29th, 2022 ☪ 10 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Resurrection Promises

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

"Medley of Hope"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"In Memoriam"

↑ Call to Community

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

We remember the fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

We thank God for the brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

~silence is kept~

Can I please have all of our Veterans stand and be recognized. You have our undying love and thanks for your service, and we thank God that you are here with us today.

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"This is My Song (O God of All the Nations)"

NCH Song# 591 (Black Hymnal)

Prayer of Reconciliation

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.



Rae: Would the following veterans please come forward to help with the candle lighting portion of our service?

Representing the United States Air Force – Bob Barnhart

Representing the United States Navy – Elizabeth Hauver

Representing the United States Army – Wells Ridenour, Bill Brewer, John Schnebly,
and Calvin Livingston

Representing the United States Army Nurses Corps – Jean Simmons

Representing the United States Marine Corps – Michael Jones

Since the founding of the United States of America in 1776, there has been a grand total of only 15 years that we have not been at war with someone. Big wars. Small wars. Wars against the Native Americans. Wars against our own brothers. Wars waged on the open seas, in small rivers, across sandy hills, through dense trees, and high in the sky. The United States has engaged in them all:

John: We light these candles to remember and honor those who gave their lives so that we are able to live in freedom and worship as we please.

Wells: For the 184,000 who served in the Revolutionary War and the 4,435 who died in that service.

Bob: For the 286,703 who served in the War of 1812 and the 6,765 who died in that service.

Jean: For the 78,718 who served in the Mexican War and the 13,283 who died in that service.

Bill: For the 3,500,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who served in the Civil War and the estimated 530,000 who died in that service.

Beth: For the 306,760 who served in the Spanish-American War and the 2,446 who died in that service.

Calvin: For the 4,743,826 who served in World War One and the 116,708 who died in that service.

Wells: For the 16,353,659 who served in World War Two and the 407,316 who died in that service.

Bob: For the 5,764,143 who served in the Korean War and the 33,739 who died in that service.

Jean: For the 8,744,000 who served in the Vietnam War and the 58,168 who died in that service.

Bill: For the 467,539 who served in the Persian Gulf War and the 268 who died in that service.

Beth: For the 320,000 who served and are serving in the Afghanistan War and the 492 who have died in that service.

Calvin: For the 1,680,000 who served and are serving in the Iraq War and the 4,021 who have died in that service.

John: We also remember those who served and are serving in Ukraine and the estimated 15,000 who have died in this war so far.

Rae/Mike: We also remember the 19 children and 2 teachers who were tragically killed in the Uvalde, TX school shooting and all affected by this tragedy. Here now, this prayer of grief penned by the National Officers of the United Church of Christ:

In utter and irrepressible grief we offer these words, giving collective voice to the anguish we all feel. God, hear our prayer:

For the nineteen children now dead; For the 2 teachers now dead; For the parents, family, and friends who will spend the rest of their lives aching every night from the weight of this; For a schoolhouse rendered trauma-laden and grief-stricken in a matter of minutes, whose students will suffer PTSD in the wake of this tragedy;

For the caregivers in Uvalde now burdened with the task of managing the shared and collective grief of a traumatized community who love their children; For those who feel the new burden of useless guilt in the aftermath of this, wondering what else they could have done to prevent this;

For the nation, so in love with our weapons that we continue to tolerate these mass shootings and the grief they inflict without ever building the collective will needed to address it fully; For the world, suffering a massive and collective grief of its own and witnessing acts of cruelty daily too numerous to fully process;

Heal our gaping wounds. Restore our sense of compassion. Quiet the restlessness within us. Settle the building righteous anger. Quicken the desire for peace. Remove the chasm that sees race and religion and political persuasion as the marks of a person's worth and value. End the cycle of violence that begets more violence.

Silence the voices that broker in fear and division and create the hatred we see mounting everywhere between us. Quiet the troubled soul thinking of grabbing the next gun and ending innocent lives. Empower us all to act now, refusing to wait for the next horror show before we change the laws that make guns and their discharge so accessible.

Turn anguish to action; our rage to restoration; our hatred to love; our grief to hope. Let it never happen again. Ever. How much more can we bear, O Lord? How much more can we endure. Be our rock of refuge. Be our light of inspiration. Be our beacon of hope. Be the arms of love that hold us until the pain recedes.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:

Lord God, you are our hope and our confidence. Into your hands we commend the souls of those who have died trusting in your infinite mercy that you will reunite us all on that great day when the dead shall rise in Christ to live with you forever. Amen.

~ "Taps" Tribute ~



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Psalm 23 Video Reflection

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not lack. In lush meadows He lays me down; beside tranquil waters He leads me. He restores my soul leading me on paths of righteousness for His name sake. Even though I walk in the valley overshadowed by death, I will not fear. Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table in view of my tormentors. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. May only goodness and mercy pursue me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

~Hebrew Translation by Diakanos

Second Lesson

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)
Rae Smith, Celebrant

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Children's Time ✨

The Message ✨

No Greater Love

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✨

"God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"
NCH #592 (Black Hymnal)

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

We thank you dear God for everything that you do for us. We thank you for being patient with us and ask that you continue to guide us to live the kind of life you want for us. May these gifts be used to help promote love and peace in our community and the world. Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✨

"In Flanders Field"

*Lyrics by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae from his poem written in 1915 after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. *Flanders Fields is a common English name of the World War I battlefields in Belgium and France.*



SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation

Dear Lord Jesus, You were wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities, and died on Calvary's cruel cross to pay the redemption price for my sins.

As I come to this communion table today, I come before You in grateful remembrance of what You did for me at Calvary, with a heart full of humble thanksgiving.

I confess I have not loved You as I ought and I have not loved my neighbor as myself, and so I ask that You cleanse me of all my wrongdoings and self-centered thoughts.

Thank You, that I have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and clothed in Your own righteousness, by grace through faith. I praise Your name for ever and ever, Amen.

The Story

In the final week of his life, Jesus met with his friends to celebrate the Passover holiday. They didn't know that this would be the last meal that they would share with their beloved teacher. Jesus knew that this would be the last meal. He also knows that one of them had already betrayed him and that others would deny him. On this night when he was betrayed, he held up the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Whenever you eat this bread, do so in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. As often as you drink this wine, do so in remembrance of me. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

The Blessing

As we take the bread representing Your life that was broken for us, we remember and celebrate Your faithfulness to us and to all who will receive You. We can't begin to fathom the agonizing suffering of Your crucifixion. Yet You took that pain for us. You died for us! Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for Your extravagant love and unmerited favor. Thank You that Your death gave us life—abundant life now, and eternal life forever. As You instructed Your disciples, We, too, receive this bread in remembrance of You.

Sharing the Meal ✧

"At This Table"

The table is ready so come and share in this meal.

God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so. The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice, and gluten-free bread is available.



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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Lord, Lead us from death to life,
From falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.
Let us dream together, pray together and work together,
To build one world of peace and justice for all

Prelude to Service ✦

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

In honor/memory of David S. Emmert, Robert W. Sweigert, the Armed Forces members currently serving; and all veterans, especially those who died in service to their country.



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 29th



Face Masking and Social Distancing

The daily COVID positivity rate in Washington County is currently 10.61 percent: Our numbers are rising once again, as is the case globally, so it is strongly encouraged to wear face masks in the church when not seated for worship and to physically distance when interacting with others.



As always, remember to wash your hands thoroughly and frequently and if you are experiencing fever, sore throat, confusion, difficulty breathing, or bluish face or lip color, please see a doctor immediately. Consider worshipping virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive if you are experiencing any of the symptoms mentioned, feeling ill, or have potentially been exposed to COVID.

Let each of us commit to doing our part to ensure that all are safe who gather to worship at Zion Reformed and to keep our doors open for in-person worship. For it is by our love that for one another that we are identified as disciples of Christ.

Music Ministry



If you are scheduled to perform any special music during worship, please remember to submit the song title along with any credits information available to you to Michael so we can verify licensing coverage before you begin practicing your performance. You can call or text Michael at 240.883.4544 or email him at connectionssixeight@gmail.com.

ONA Team Announcement

Those on the Open & Affirming Team, please turn your assessments into the church office prior to the next team meeting so the assessment average can be calculated ahead of time. Please also note that our next team meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, June 3rd at 12:30pm instead of our routine Thursday meeting date. We will resume our normal meeting schedule thereafter.



HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope

Support the Zion Hike for Hunger & Hope Team by making a donation to the team fundraising page at www.zionreformed.church/hikeforhunger. They will be hiking this Saturday, June 4th. All monies raised go to Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) to support HARC programming with a significant portion going directly to Micah's Backpack.



Graduate Recognition Sunday



Are you or one of your loved ones graduating from high school, college, or graduate school? We would like to honor this year's graduates on June 26th during worship. Please submit the name of graduate, school or college graduating from, diploma receiving, and optionally, a picture to be included in the worship slides. All submissions must be received by June 19th.

George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship Fund Accepting Applications

The George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship Fund is accepting applications through June 30th. Applicants must be a Zion member seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher-learning during the 2022-2023 academic year. Application packets are available in the vestibule and in the church office and can be downloaded at www.zionreformed.church/scholarship. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated and can be done so in-person, by mail, or online at www.zionreformed.church/give. Simply designate your donation for the "Scholarship Fund."



Helping Our Ukrainian Siblings



Zion's Ukrainian Relief Fund provides monetary support to the World Central Kitchen's Ukrainian relief efforts and to the UCC's ACT Alliance which directly supports Ukrainian relief efforts. Monies raised will be split equally between both of these vital outreach organizations providing much needed humanitarian assistance such as food, shelter, training, and more.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the church marked "Ukrainian Relief Fund" and drop it in the Ukrainian Relief Fund donation box, by mail, or online at www.zionreformed.church/give.

Let us also continue to pray with our Ukrainian siblings for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering – A Letter from Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister, UCC

This special offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday (next Sunday) during worship and offerings can be made throughout the month of June. Giving options include in-person, by mail, or online at www.zionreformed.church/give. Designate your gift for this offering as "Strengthen the Church."



The last two years have told a remarkable story about the resilience of our churches and their leaders.

**This has been hard.
Leaders are tired.
Leaders are anxious.
Leaders are beleaguered.
Leaders are traumatized.**

But every day, and in countless ways, leaders in the church demonstrate the power of faith in the risen Christ as they embody the spirit of Paul himself who wrote that we will 'rejoice in all circumstances' and 'we do not grieve as those who have no hope.'

Two years into this pandemic, we struggle to name a more devastating season through which we have all lived. And yet still we see signs of life and resilience and ingenuity and growth and enduring hope.

There are stories of how college students left for college and for the first time since anyone can remember they were still able to worship every week with their home church.

One church noticed their members were struggling with a variety of mental health issues. They brought a counselor on to their staff who set up an office in the church to provide therapeutic care to them. The pastor noticed that neighbors who had never been to the church were also suffering – and the counselor began to meet regularly with them as well. Now, there is a full time mental health specialist on staff who serves not just the church, but the neighborhood.

Many of our settings are reporting that their giving rose in 2021, a sign that even in the midst of deep sorrow our better angels emerge with a desire to support those who suffer and those who care for the suffering.

Churches that feared losing all their members when we all quarantined learned how to connect virtually for pastoral visitation, prayer, worship, and fellowship. They not only didn't lose their members, many grew by finding an audience who were only ever going to be found in the virtual spaces they occupy and find safe.

Our churches remain strong in the Lord.

All that we do to Strengthen Our Churches extends the kingdom of God. Preaching the gospel is our collective calling. Even a raging global pandemic cannot suppress either our desire or ability preach that gospel, nor the Spirit's ability to change lives when we do.

Won't you please help sustain the mission of the risen Christ, and Strengthen the Church with your offering of love, prayer, and generosity?

All Together!

John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



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 for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Holly Bell](#), Naomi Brackett, [Jeff Cannedy](#), Linda Cantilena, Cisco, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), [Beth Gross](#), Sherry Hockman, [Patricia Hohman](#), Paul Hose, [Ann Kalinoski](#), Rhondda Kane, [Kemp-Leach Family](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Nicole M, [Sofia Martinez](#), Becky Owens, [Dee McGlauckin](#), Annie Penick, [James Penick](#), Colleen Rand, [Leslie Rose](#), David Ridenour, [Sammy Rittleberger](#), Betsy Roulette, [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), Ralph & Scherry Sellers, [Staci Shafer](#), Thelma Summers, [Tracy Roach Walls](#), Thomas Wetzel, [White Family](#), Eleanor Wible, [Belinda Williams](#), Eric Wolbring, and [Robert Yeoman](#).

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Scott Rhodes** (May 29th), **Lisa Saum** (May 31st), and **Alice Barr** (June 2nd). Happy Anniversary to **Krista & Steve Burgan** (May 31st) and **Kelly & Jason Weicht** (June 4th). May this year of your life be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Memorial Day – May 30th (Church Office Closed)

Tuesday's Supper/1-Stop Shop – May 31st, 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

Properties Team Meeting – June 1st, 4pm (Hybrid)

Executive Team Meeting – June 2nd, 2pm (ZOOM)

4-H Club – June 2nd at 4:30pm via ZOOM
See Kim Ridenour for more information

ONA Team Meeting – June 3rd at 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

Zion Book Club – June 3rd, 7pm (Sue Graff's Home/ZOOM)
More Info at www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.

HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope – June 4th, 7am (Shepherds Spring)

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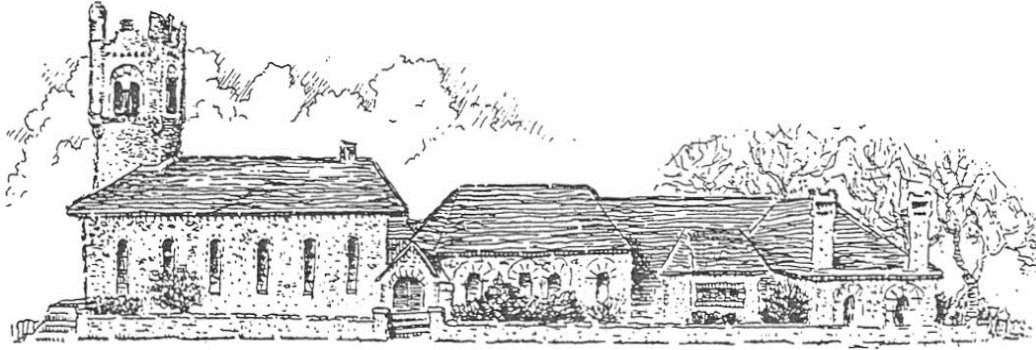
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