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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Second Sunday after Pentecost & June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & 10 A.M.



# WORSHIP GUIDE

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Dreams & Visions

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**. Please silence all mobile devices. ✤ Indicates Music Selection.  $\uparrow$  An invitation to stand.

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship<sup>♦</sup>

↑ Call to Community

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

## We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who have faced grief or oppression.

# We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in desperate need of good news.

## We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

# Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

↑ Praying with Ukraine

↑ Opening Hymn<sup>4</sup>

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save!" Back of Bulletin

Call to Reconciliation

## Prayer of Brokenness

One:	O God, too often we find ourselves distracted by a legion of destructive voices that make false promises. Surely these are our inner demons.
Left Side:	We believe safety and security can reside in abundant bank accounts.
Right Side:	We think that success leads to real happiness.
Left Side:	We equate power with dominating others.
Right Side:	We hold fast to pain and anger as if they were treasure in a chest.
Left Side:	We soothe our fear of failure with substances that do harm.
Right Side:	We feed our hunger for love and approval with food that does not satisfy.
ALL:	Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God. Set us free from the tombs in which we dwell.

Partita on "Azmon"

"Sing Joyfully to God, All the Earth"

Based on Psalm 42 & 43

Gathering Music <sup>↓</sup>

Words of Blessing

Children's Time <sup>♦</sup>

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSV) Lector: Carol Mooers

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Choral Response $^{\diamond}$

This is my story, this is my song Praising my savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song Praising my savior all the day long. (NCH# 473)

Second Lesson

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSV) Rev. Katie Penick

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had

gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Breaking Free

#### RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ♦

"Dear Christians, One and All"

Offertory Response And God will lift you up on eagles wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. (NCH# 775)

**Blessing Our Gifts** 

Loving God, we share what we have because you share so abundantly with us. May our sharing be an act of thanksgiving and praise for all you have done and all you will continue to do for us. We dedicate these gifts and offer ourselves to your service. Bless us and our gifts, that we might be a source of help, hope, and joy to a world in need. With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.

↑ Hymn of Adoration  $\stackrel{\land}{\leftarrow}$ 

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" NCH #593 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Story

The Blessing

Sharing the Meal  $\diamondsuit$ 

All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children. 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 for all.



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

↑ Closing Hymn ♦

"In Christ There Is No East or West" NCH #394 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Go forth into the world with hope,

for no chain can bind and no tomb can contain the healing life Christ offers each of us.

Go and make room for quiet, still places amidst the chaos of everyday life,

for there we will find God.

Prelude to Service <sup>↓</sup>

"Washington Post March"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



## Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines

The daily COVID positivity rate in Washington County is currently 7.58% as of June 19<sup>th</sup> per the LOVE Washington County Coronavirus Dashboard and the 7-day average as reported by Meritus Health ONE is 10.7% as of June 6<sup>th</sup> with 9 hospitalized due to COVID as of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remain vigilant as we are still in the midst of a global pandemic even with the advances we have made around the world in combatting it. We strongly encourage everyone to mask when not seated in your pew for worship and to socially distance when interacting with others outside of your immediate family. If you are experiencing fever, sore throat, confusion, difficulty breathing, or bluish face or lip color, please see a doctor immediately and choose to worship virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive. If you have potentially been exposed to COVID, please choose to worship virtually until you have tested negative. Let each of us commit to doing our part to ensure that all are safe who gather to worship at Zion Reformed UCC!

# Zion Book Club

The Zion Book Club will meet Friday, June 24th at 7pm at the home of Sue Graff to discuss the exciting novel, "Run, Rose, Run" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. Please join us in-person or via ZOOM for a great time of fellowship and discussion. Join by ZOOM at https://zoom.us/join or by phone call at 301.715.8592 and when prompted enter Meeting

ID: 814 4653 4587 and Passcode: Zion. Virtual connection details include one-click joinis available at anytime at www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.

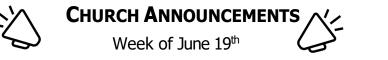
# Volunteer Opportunity

We are assembling a Zion Team to volunteer for one shift from 3pm – 6:30pm on a date the volunteers choose between 7/16 and 7/23 to serve ice cream at the Washington County Farm Bureau's Shake n' Cream Stand at the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair. Volunteers get to enjoy a bowl of ice cream for helping along with all the fair has to offer while sitting in the a/c! This is a great opportunity to not only serve, but to be an example to our 4-H Club that we take service to others seriously and that SHINGTON they are an important group in the life of Zion Reformed! If you are interested in helping out, sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Chapel or see Kim Ridenour for more information.

## Ukrainian Relief Fund

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.







# **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, Richard 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, Eleanor Wible, Steve Wise, 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 **Joann Myers** (June 21<sup>st</sup>), **Randy Overcash** (June 22<sup>nd</sup>), and **Jason Weicht** (June 23<sup>rd</sup>)! Happy Anniversary to **Anissa & Doug Wade** (June 19<sup>th</sup>)! 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.





#### Father's Day & Juneteenth – June 19th

Happy Father's Day and Happy Freedom Day!

#### World Refugee Day – June 20th

We celebrate the contributions of refugees & and seek to build empathy & understanding for their plight and their resilience to build a bright future.

**Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 5-6:30pm** (Fellowship Hall) Dine-in and carry-out options available!

#### Search & Call Team Meeting – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30pm (Burhans Room)

**Staff Team Meeting – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12pm** (Burhans Room)

# 4-H Club – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30pm via ZOOM

See Kim Ridenour for more information

**Zion Book Club – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** (Sue Graff's House) Virtual options available, more info at www.zionreformed.church/bookclub

#### We Welcome Everyone Already, Why Become ONA?

Excerpts from the ONA 101 Webinar by the Open & Affirming Coalition of the UCC

Becoming an open and affirming (ONA) congregation is an act of worship that brings praise to God. In fact the entire journey of discernment is an act of worship bringing praise to God! It is a time of listening to God, discerning God's purpose for your congregation and praising God for the many gifts bestowed upon us by God.

#### Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7 (NIV)

Simply welcoming everyone is great but for LGBTQIA+ church seekers it needs to be spelled out. Every church around says all are welcome but LGBTQIA seekers have painfully learned that these words aren't always true, in fact more often than not they find that they really aren't included in that welcome unless they want to deny the person God created them to be. So in this sense, church is like a "damaged brand" to LGBTQIA+ seekers and to the many straight millenials who identify with the values ONA represents.

A public welcome to LGBTQIA+ seekers looking for a church home sends a clear message that they can find a home without judgment or condemnation within your congregation. LGBTQIA+ seekers will not take a generic 'All are welcome' statement to include them. It has to be specifically stated and this is what being an ONA church does.

A congregation's affirmation and support through an ONA covenant can be a life-saving experience, especially for LGBTQIA+ youth and seniors. Many LGBTQIA+ seniors find themselves after a lifetime of being out having to go back in the closet when they get to the point where they need to depend on help and support from others or have to go into assisted-living or nursing care. ONA congregations offer support structures to LGBTQIA+ seniors and youth who are more prone to bullying that they normally do not have.

As an ONA congregation, you would be part of a growing movement within our denomination that has restored thousands of LGBTQIA+ Christians not wanted by other churches to the family of faith. Imagine if this were the vocation of your church: To restore wholeness to the broken body of Christ. The body of Christ is broken, is not whole, because for the most part LGBTQIA+ Christians are not included. It is the sacred vocation of ONA churches to restore the body of Christ to wholeness by including LGBTQIA+ Christians.

But some of you may ask, won't becoming an ONA church make us a 'gay church?' This is an urban legend actually. Of the 1,700+ ONA congregations within the UCC, only about 8 or 9 have predominantly LGBTQIA+ membership and they were founded as predominantly LGBTQIA+ churches. Instead you as a congregation get to be part of a powerful healing transformation in the LGBTQIA+ lives you touch through Christ and in return you gain new friendships, talents and gifts to benefit your faith community.

By becoming an ONA congregation you reach straight allies too. Many young heterosexual adults, especially young couples with children, identify with ONA values and want to raise their children in a church that support those values. Many tell us that they join ONA congregations specifically for being ONA, fordisplaying a rainbow still-speaking comma on their website with their ONA covenant or a banner or flag outside to signify that this congregation is different that the hundred other mainline Protestant churches in their community. Many of these young parents voiced that their children are too young for them to know how their child's sexual orientation or gender identity are going to develop and they don't want their child to be in a church that will be biased, judgmental, or hypocritical should their child identify as LGBTQIA+. They desire their church home to be a healthy environment for their child. So, a confident and well-informed welcome to LGBTQIA+ seekers also welcomes straight millenials and the younger Generation Z and can be an essential element of a congregation's growth strategy.

# 1/3 of millenials say they left churches because of homphobic or transphobic practices and teachings.

\*Source: Public Religion Research Institute, 2014



"Juneteenth is a sacred celebration culturally and religiously. It is the same [significance for African-Americans] as Passover for the Jewish people." ~Dr. Randy Kelley (United Methodist Pastor)



Juneteenth is June 19th annually and is a day to celebrate unity and equality with and for our African-American siblings in Christ!

On June 19, 1865, two-and-a-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, federal troops under the command of Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas. They brought a life-changing message for the estimated quarter-of-a-million slaves in the state: "All slaves are free" and entitled to payment for their labor. This important day in history became known as Freedom Day, or Juneteenth, now a U.S. federal holiday.

Check out local celebrations and events:

- https://files.constantcontact.com/73c74b78201/d55932a5-294c-47b3-a4aa-8e93ac8144bd.pdf (Jun 17-19)
- https://aahawmd.org/event/juneteenth-celebration-fundraiser (June 19th)
- https://files.constantcontact.com/73c74b78201/5a70c9e9-46e0-4b98-8cc1-a50a67d7f9bf.pdf (June 21st)

Gaining a New Perspective:

- What is Juneteenth and Why Should We Celebrate It? by the Center for Faith & Culture: https://cfc.sebts.edu/faith-and-culture/explainer-what-is-juneteenth-why-celebrate
- Faith Communities Celebrating Juneteenth and PRIDE from Faith+Lead Luther Seminary: https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/faith-communities-celebrating-juneteenth-pride
- Why Juneteenth is Important for All Christians by Calvary Chapel: https://calvarychapel.com/posts/why-juneteenth-is-important-for-all-christians



#### Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety.

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20<sup>th</sup> and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World

Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

Whoever they are, people forced to flee should be treated with dignity. Anyone can seek protection, regardless of who they are or what they believe. It is non-negotiable: seeking safety is a human right.

Wherever they come from, people forced to flee should be welcomed. Refugees come from all over the globe. To get out of harm's way, they might take a plane, a boat, or travel on foot. What remains universal is the right to seek safety.

Whenever people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected. Whatever the threat – war, violence, persecution – everyone deserves protection. Everyone has a right to be safe.

# *Every minute 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror. There are several types of forcibly displaced persons.*

https://cwsglobal.org/learn/refugees-and-immigrants https://www.unrefugees.org/refugee-facts/world-refugee-day https://cwsglobal.org/take-action/community-sponsorship/welcoming-ukrainians

#### **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord. ~Ps. 107:30-31



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