

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ☪ July 24th, 2022 ☪ 10 A.M.



**May God break my heart
so completely that the
whole world falls in.**

~Mother Teresa

WORSHIP GUIDE

Dreams & Visions

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

Excerpts from "Mass for Convents"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"O Worship the King"

↑ Call to Community

So I say to you, "Ask, and it will be given you."

"Search, and you will find."

"Knock, and the door will be opened for you."

For everyone who asks will receive.

Everyone who searches will find.

Everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

In this time of worship, may we seek God.

May we know God is reaching for us, now and always!

↑ Prayer for Peace & Justice

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

The Hymnal #15 (Red Hymnal)

First Reading

Psalm 85 (TNCH)

Lector: Barb Hendershot

O God, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O God, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Sovereign will speak, for God will speak peace to the people; God will speak to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before God and will make a path for God's steps.

Children's Time ✧

Special Music

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Performed by Elisa Shaw (vocalist) and Barb Hendershot (instrumentalist)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

Amos 8:1-12 (NRSVUE)
Lector: Barb Hendershot

This is what God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then God said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

God has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of God. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Choral Response ✧

As with gladness those of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, true Morning Star, may we
evermore your splendor see.

(TNCH# 159)

Third Reading

Luke 11:1-13 (NRSVUE)
Rev. Katie Penick

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: God, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before

him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Creator give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Abundant Prayer

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✧

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates of Brass"

Offertory Response ✧

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(TNCH# 780)

Blessing Our Gifts

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to do your will and to participate in your creative vision on earth as in heaven. Take these gifts we bring for your purposes. Thy Kingdom Come..... Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✧

"When Peace Like a River (It is Well with my Soul)"
NCH #438 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Story

The Blessing

Sharing the Meal ✧

*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 ✧

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"
NCH #77 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✧

Pedal Variations on "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 24th



Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



The daily COVID positivity rate in Washington County is currently 15.78 (a 7.3% increase since last Sunday) as of July 21st per the Washington County Coronavirus Dashboard. The 7-day average as reported by Meritus Health is 15% (a 2.7% increase) as of July 13th with 10 hospitalized due to COVID. Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all. Let each of us commit to doing our part to ensure that all are safe who gather to worship at Zion Reformed UCC!

Fill the Bus School Supplies Drive

Our school supplies collection drive is an ongoing effort through August 7th, please bring school supplies in to fill the bus in an effort to help ensure that all of our neighbors have the basic supplies their children need to start the school year. Monetary donations marked "Fill the Bus" are also welcome to help with the purchase of school supplies. All supplies collected will help replenish the supplies to be given out at our *Back to School Block Party* and donated to Bester Elementary.



Supplies Needed: 3-ring binders, Antibacterial Wipes, Art Supplies, Backpacks, Ink Pens, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Erasers, Folders, Glue, Markers, Notebooks, Notebook Paper, Pencil Boxes, Pencils, Rulers, Scissors, Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Earbuds.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!



Volunteer drivers with trucks and SUV's needed to help pick up food item orders from the Western Maryland Food Bank for our Tuesday's Supper and One-Stop Shop outreach programs. We are looking for at least four drivers with trucks or large SUV's to alternate drivers each week. Food pick up is every Tuesday and the more drivers we have the fewer times each driver will be needed per month. If you can help with this important community outreach program please contact Rae in the church office. Thank you for your willingness to help!

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Domenick Gerlando** (July 24th) and **Betty Teel** (July 29th)! May this year of your life/lives 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.



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. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Meg Grim](#), Beth Gross, [Jim & Donna Hatfield](#), Sherry Hockman, [Paul Hose](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Susan LaBombard, [Nicole M](#), Sofia Martinez, [Dee McGlauckin](#), Barry & Amy Newlin, [Annie Penick](#), James Penick, [Colleen Rand](#), David Ridenour, [Betsy Roulette](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [Eleanor Wible](#), Steve Wise, [Eric Wolbring](#), and Robert Yeoman.

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

Save the Dates:

Annual Picnic – Plan to worship with us at our annual picnic on August 21st at Pangborn Park’s East Pavilion. The church will provide drinks and chicken for everyone. Each family unit should bring side dishes to share within their immediate family unit due to COVID precautions. *Please note that there will be no worship at the church but at the picnic and worship service only.

September 11th – In remembrance of 9/11, the Interfaith Coalition celebrates the International Day of Peace and the interfaith relationships in Washington County with a Progressive Dinner held at 4 different local houses of worship on the afternoon of September 11th. A different course of the meal will be served at each stop. Zion is one of the stops! This will be a family-friendly opportunity to learn about different faith traditions at each house of worship, and sample spiritually and culturally relevant food. Cost will be \$20/person or \$80 for a family of up to 5.



National Parents Day – July 24th (Happy Parents Day)

Christian Ed Team Meeting – July 25th at 4pm (Burhans Room)

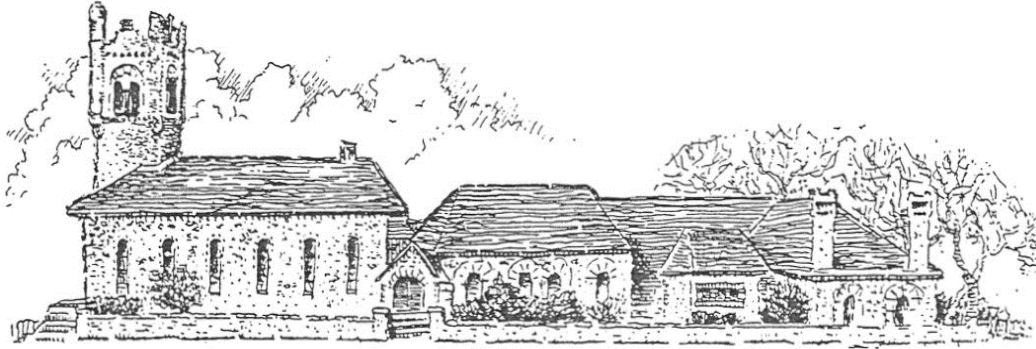
ONA Team Meeting – July 26th at 1:30pm (Burhans Room)

Tuesday’s Supper & 1-Stop Shop – July 26th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

MD Food Bank Training for Staff – July 27th at 9am (Burhans Room)

Interfaith Coalition Meeting at Zion – July 28th at 3pm

4-H Club – July 28th at 7pm via ZOOM
See Kim Ridenour for more information



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