

# ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ☩ 10 A.M.

**It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability  
to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.**

~ Audre Lorde ~



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## WORSHIP GUIDE

*Dreams & Visions*

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## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

*"Suite Gothique"*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

*"Rejoice, The Lord is King"*

↑ Call to Community

Gather before God, O people of the covenant! Listen for the Word of God, O faithful ones!

**God has called us to this place and we believe that God will speak to us here!**

We come to honor God and give thanks. We seek to learn and follow in Christ's Way.

**Let your steadfast love, O God, pour upon us!**

God calls us to work for justice. God sends us out as advocates for the voiceless and weak.

**God has called us to this place, and we expect to be empowered for our service.**

↑ Prayer for Justice & Peace

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

*"Come, We Who Love God's Name"*  
TNCH Song# 379 (Black Hymnal)

First Reading: *Faith of Our Heroes & the Example of Jesus*

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 (NRSVUE)  
Lector: Jean Simmons

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*WE HEAR GOD'S WORD*

Second Reading: *False Prophets of Hope Denounced*

Jeremiah 23:23-29 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Jean Simmons

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.

Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*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: *The Cause of Division & Interpreting the Times*

Luke 12:49-56 (NRSVUE)

Rev. Katie Penick

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✨

"God of Grace"

*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 welcoming us into your Caring Community, where we claim the needs of others as our own concern. We find a homeland in your service and we are grateful. May these gifts be an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us, and whose promises and faithfulness endures throughout the generations. Amen.**

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✨

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"  
TNCH Song# 417 (Black Hymnal)

*SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

Invitation

Sharing the Story

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal ✨

"On a Hymnsong of Phillip Bliss"  
Performed by guest flute choir, "Toot Uncommon Flutes"

*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 ✧

*"Forward through the Ages"*  
TNCH Song# 377 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

*Based on Hebrews 10:24-25*

God's blessing be upon us as we leave this place.

**May we strengthen and encourage one another in our shared vision.**

And may the blessing of our Creative God go with us.

May the blessing of the Christ, who showed us how to live, re-shape us.

And may the blessing of the dancing Spirit joyfully enable us in our renewed living.

**Amen.**

Prelude to Service ✧

*Toccata from "Suite for Organ"*

**GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!**





## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 14<sup>th</sup>



### *Annual Worship & Picnic – Next Sunday*

Join us at the East Pavilion at Pangborn Park for our annual worship and picnic next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10am. The church will provide beverages and chicken for the picnic. Each family is asked to bring side dishes for their family unit to share. The East Pavilion is the pavilion closest to the parking lot and bathrooms. Pangborn Park is located at 591 Pangborn Boulevard, Hagerstown, MD, 21740. A park map is available at:



[www.hagerstownmd.org/DocumentCenter/View/496/Pangborn-Park-Amenities-Map](http://www.hagerstownmd.org/DocumentCenter/View/496/Pangborn-Park-Amenities-Map).

### *Calling New Members*



Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion Reformed UCC? We will be accepting new members on September 18<sup>th</sup> during worship. A new member orientation will be held prior to this service. If you are ready to move from attendee to member let Pastor Katie know.

Church membership is a reflection of Scripture's language concerning the nature of the Church. Paul writes in Romans 12 that, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, & these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." In the same way that your hand is a member of your body, so every Christian is membered with Jesus Christ & other Christians. We are literally a part of one another! When we realize this, placing membership in a local church becomes a natural extension of what it means to be & live as a Christian.

### *Zion Representatives Needed for the CAC Annual Meeting*

We are looking for representatives from Zion to represent us at the Central Atlantic Conference (CAC) of the United Church of Christ's (UCC) 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting from Tuesday, October 4 - Wednesday, October 5, via Zoom, and in hybrid format (both by Zoom and in-person) at The Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey from Thursday, October 6 through Saturday, October 8. This year's conference will be asking us to search within our souls and ask, "Is It Well With Your Soul?". If you are interested in attending let either virtually or hybrid, let Pastor Katie or Rae know so we can get you the proper registration information.

### *Mark Your Calendar*

**Progressive Dinner** – Join the Interfaith Coalition to celebrate the International Day of Peace and the interfaith relationships in Washington County while remembering 9/11. Four different local houses of worship of various faiths come together to serve one course of the meal at their worship building on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. Stop at each site to enjoy an entire meal, learn about one another, and to celebrate and remember. Zion is one of the stops! Cost will be \$20/person or \$80 for a family of up to 5.

**Scrolls Revealed Ministries Workshop** – The ONA Team invites you to attend this special workshop exploring what the Scriptures teach about homosexuality. For many, just seeing the word, "Homosexual", conjures up an unbelievable level of hatred and even fear. The word is used by some Christians to define what they believe is "destroying the church" while others stand in opposition to such beliefs. Join us as we host Rev. Harry Stock to lead us through an exploration of the Scriptures regarding homosexuality on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 4pm. The workshop is free to Zion members and available for \$30/person for attendees not associated with Zion. A continental breakfast, lunch, and workbook will be provided to all attendees. More info coming soon!

# 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: [Eric B.](#), Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), Kim & Bill Cook, [Carol Garland](#), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), [Beth Gross](#), Jim & Donna Hatfield, [Brett Hendershot](#), Sherry Hockman, [Paul Hose](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Susan LaBombard, [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, Eric Wolbring, and [Robert Yeoman](#).

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Frank Ebersole** (Aug 15<sup>th</sup>) and **Megan Shroyer** (Aug 17<sup>th</sup>). 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.



## Lector Ministry Schedule

*This Week (Aug 14<sup>th</sup>):* Jean Simmons

*Next Week (Aug 21<sup>st</sup>):* Rae Smith

## Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



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.

*Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co:* 7.42% as of August 11<sup>th</sup> (\*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard)

*7-day COVID average for Wash. Co:* 14.6% with 16 hospitalizations as of August 10<sup>th</sup> (Meritus Health)

*Human MonkeyPox Emergency:* At least 150 cases throughout the state of MD

## Important Dates This Week



**September Newsletter Submission Deadline** – August 15<sup>th</sup> at noon

**Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop** – August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Dine-in and carry-out options available!

**Staff Team Meeting** – August 18<sup>th</sup> at noon (Burhans Room)

**4-H Club** – August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via ZOOM

See Kim Ridenour for more information

*\*Meet at Pangborn Park East Pavilion for worship & picnic on August 21<sup>st</sup>*

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