# ZION REFORMED

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & August 21st, 2022 & 10 A.M.



I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system through which God speaks to us every hour, if we only tune in.

~George Washington Carver~



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#### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.
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→ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music <sup>♦</sup>

Three Shepherd Hymns

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship <sup>♦</sup>

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

↑ Call to Community

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Come, because the Earth is God's, and God's Earth is our home!

We live in God's World; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, With the waters and the land, With trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters.

God is good and everything God makes is good. God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!

Passing of the Peace

↑ Opening Hymn<sup>♦</sup>

"When Morning Gilds the Sky" TNCH Song# 86 (Rear of Bulletin)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Another Account of Creation

Genesis 2:4-15 (NRSVUE) Lector: Rae Smith

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Second Reading: *Praise for God's Universal Glory* 

Psalm 148 (TNCH Psalter) Lector: Rae Smith

Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens; praise God from the heights! Praise God, all you angels; Praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

# Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Most High, For God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

# Praise God from the earth, You sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

# Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, royalty and all rulers of the earth! Young women and men alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of God, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Hallelujah!

Interlude of Praise † "There Is A Redeemer"

Third Reading: *The Word Became Flesh* 

John 1:1-19 (NRSVUE) Rev. Katie Penick

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

#### RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory <sup>♦</sup>

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

# *Offertory Response* <sup>♦</sup>

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** 

↑ Koinonia Hymn 👇

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
TNCH Song# 28 (Rear of Bulletin)

Prayers of the People

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.

↑ Hymn of Praise <sup>♦</sup>

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
TNCH Song# 31 (Rear of Bulletin)

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

" Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus "

Blessing the Food

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





#### Virtual Worship Announcement

We plan to livestream today's worship portion of our annual worship and picnic service at the park which will be available online at <a href="https://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive">www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive</a>. Should we have any issues connecting and be unable to do so, a recordeded version of the service will be uploaded later in the day.



#### Accepting New Members



Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion Reformed UCC? We will be accepting new members on <u>September 18<sup>th</sup></u> 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.

#### 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 years 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!

#### **Other Important Dates in September:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Worship time returns to 11am

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day and Patriot Day: Sunday School returns at 9:45am

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday Lunch Bunch Group Begins. More Info to Come!

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Stained Glass Window Hymn Sing & New Member Reception

September 25<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Theater Rehearsal's Begin After Worship

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Community Yard Sale: Reserve a table today for \$15/table. All proceeds benefit our community outreach programs. See Christine Coleman or Rae Smith for more info.

#### **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, 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 **Rae Smith** (Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>), **Felicity Shafer** (Aug 25<sup>th</sup>), and **Peggie Roscoe** (Aug 27<sup>th</sup>)! Happy Anniversary to **Carol & Randy Schultz** (Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Susan & Burnie Clutz** (Aug 24<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 21st): Rae Smith

Next Week (Aug 28th): Wells Ridenour

#### 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: 11.3% as of August 18<sup>th</sup> (\*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard)
7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 13.6% with 9 hospitalizations as of August 18<sup>th</sup> (\*Meritus Health)
Human MonkeyPox Emergency: At least 349 cases throughout the state of MD (\*USA Today)

### **Important Dates This Week**

Christian Education Team Meeting – August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm

**Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop** — August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Dine-in and carry-out options available!

**ONA Team Meeting** – August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

**4-H Club** — August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via ZOOM See Kim Ridenour for more information or email miskim@myactv.net.

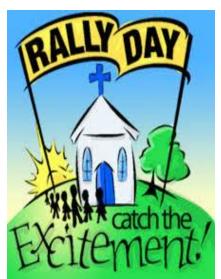
**Zion Book Club** – August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (@ Sue Graff's and via ZOOM)

More Information available at www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.



#### Rally Day (September 11th)

#### **Sunday School Returns!**



Join us in the Chapel at 9:45am on September 11<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day Pancakes and intergenerational activities to start off our Sunday School season. Sunday School will be offered 9:45 – 10:45am each week until our summer schedule resumes in May.

Sunday School options include:

**Children's Sunday School:** Our children's class will be focusing on Jesus' parables with stories, games, and crafts and will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual options available.

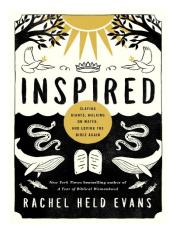
**Journey Adult Class:** This adult class will continue to be offered virtually via ZOOM and will be studying "The Parables for Today's World," a special study created by Sue Graff.

**Arthur Grove Adult Class:** This adult class will be offered in-person only in the Burhans Room and will explore a series titled "Freedom" for the first quarter. Written by Robin Wilson, "Freedom" reminds us that we are rescued, redeemed, and saved for a purpose.

# Thursday Lunch Bunch Begins September 15<sup>th</sup> A New Mid-Week Hybrid Opportunity!

Looking to explore faith, theology, and Scripture in an intimate, in-depth session? Join us beginning Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for our Thursday Lunch Bunch which will meet weekly on Thursday's in-person in the Burhans Room and via Zoom. The group will start off exploring the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans.

This study will invite participants on a journey of rediscovery as they explore the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Drawing upon recent scholarship and literary analysis, Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories, explaining their contexts and possible interpretations, and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones.



If you are ready to fall in love with Scripture all over again, you will want to plan to participate in this exciting new study!

## When Morning Gilds the Sky

TNCH Song# 86 (Black Hymnal)



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## For the Beauty of the Earth

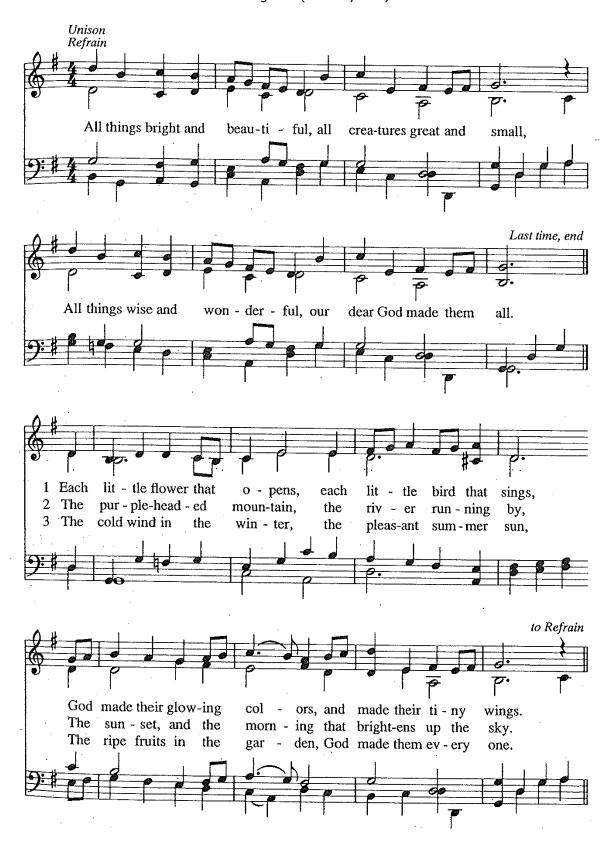
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## **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

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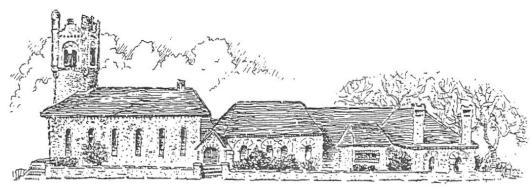
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