

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ☞ August 28th, 2022 ☞ 10 A.M.



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 ✦

Buxtehude Medley

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Rise, O Children of Salvation"

↑ Call to Community

Based on Psalm 81

Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

God, our Host, welcomes us.

God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

a feast for all---freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.

↑ Prayer for Justice & Peace

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"
TNCH Song# 4 (Black Hymnal)

Call to Reconciliation

Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promise. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. We forsake your blessing. Let us turn to you in prayer:

Litany of Brokenness

For the ways in which we bury your light underneath layers of busyness and denial:

God have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy upon us.

For the times we fail to recognize your light in the eyes of the hungry, the outcast, the stranger:

God have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy upon us.

For the opportunities not taken to share your light with our children and parents and neighbors and friends:

God have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy upon us.

~Silence is Kept~

Words of Blessing

Children's Time ✧

Blessing of the Backpacks

*Today we bless all students, teachers, and educators and our
Micah's Backpack Outreach Program as the school year starts tomorrow.*

Special Music

"I'll Fly Away"

Performed by Guest Musician, Tim Wolfe (saxophone).

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: *Service Well-Pleasing to God*

Hebrews 13:1-8 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Wells Ridenour

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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)

Second Reading: *Humility and Hospitality*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSVUE)

Rev. Katie Penick

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Promises of God

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✧

Postlude on "Austrian Hymn"

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

Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table and you have called us to share without expectation of being repaid. You have called us to make a place for the poor, the outcast and the oppressed. So we ask that you bless these resources so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✧

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
TNCH Song# 28 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Story

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal ✧

"Wonderful Words of Life"
"Now I Belong to Jesus"

*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

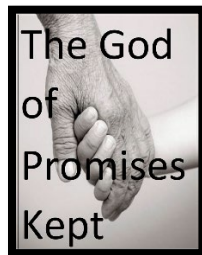
↑ Closing Hymn ✦

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
TNCH Song# 31 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

"Festive Processional"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 28th



Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins Next Sunday



Our worship schedule changes to 11am beginning next week (Sep 4th) for the fall/winter schedule. We look forward to worshipping with you at 11am!

Please also mark your calendars for Rally Day on Sep 11th when we celebrate the return of Sunday School with a pancake breakfast at 9:45am. After filling our tummies we will go to our respective Sunday School classes for some spiritual food.

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.

New Member Reception



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

Mark Your Calendar!



Interfaith Progressive Dinner – Join the Interfaith Coalition to celebrate the International Day of Peace while remembering 9/11. Four different local houses of worship of various faiths come together to serve one course of the evening's meal at their worship building on September 11th 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. Register today at <https://progressivedinner2022.eventbrite.com>.

Scrolls Revealed Ministries Workshop – Have you ever struggled to reconcile faith and homosexuality together to be an open and affirming Christian? Have you ever wondered what the Scriptures really say about our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and accepting them into the family of God? Join the ONA Team and Rev. Harry Stock from Scrolls Revealed Ministries as he leads us through an in-depth exploration of the Scriptures regarding homosexuality on September 24th from 9:30am to 4pm. The workshop is free to Zion members and available for \$25/person for all other attendees. A continental breakfast, lunch, and workbook will be provided to all attendees. More info at www.zionreformed.church/ScrollsRevealed.

Other Important Dates in September:

- September 15th - Thursday Lunch Bunch Weekly Group begins Sep 15th 11:30am. More info on page 8.
- September 18th – Stained Glass Window Hymn Sing & New Member Reception
- September 25th - Dinner Theater Rehearsal's Begin After Worship
- October 15th – **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](#), Clear Spring Community and the Josenhans, Knode, and Shives' families, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Carol Garland, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), Beth Gross, [Jim & Donna Hatfield](#), Sherry Hockman, [Lyn Hoffmaster](#), Jane Hollabaugh, [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, [Claudia Ruth](#), 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 **Missie LaBombard** (Aug 28th), **Kevin Munroe** (Sep 1st), and **Lauren Weicht** (Sep 1st). Happy Anniversary to **Julia & Ed Patterson** (Sep 3rd)! 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 28th): Wells Ridenour

Next Week (Sep 4th): Amber Nilson

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: 13.51% as of Aug 22nd (*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard)

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 14.5% with 19 hospitalizations as of Aug 24th (*Meritus Health)

Human MonkeyPox Emergency: At least 379 cases throughout the state of MD (*[Herald-Mail Media](#))

Important Dates This Week



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

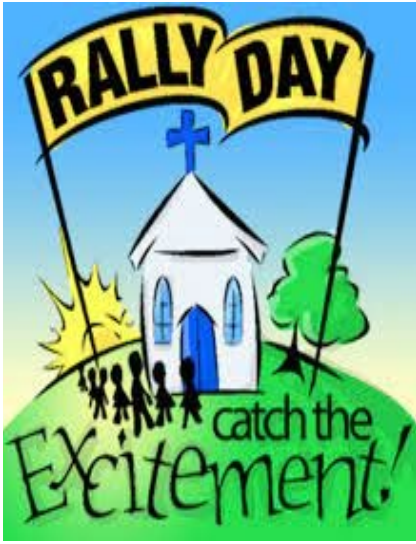
Staff Team Meeting – September 1st at noon (Burhans Room)

4-H Club – September 1st at 4:30pm via ZOOM
See Kim Ridenour for more information

**Worship changes to Fall/Winter Schedule next week. Worship will begin at 11m instead of 10am.*

Rally Day (September 11th)

Sunday School Returns!



Join us in the Chapel at 9:45am on September 11th 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.

Journeys 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.

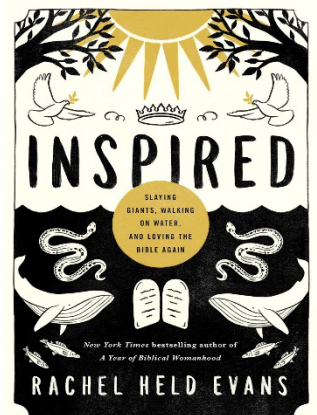
Arthur Grove Adult Class: This adult class will be offered in-person only in the Burhans Room and will explore a series titled "Freedom" for the first quarter. Written by Robin Wilson, "Freedom" reminds us that we are rescued, redeemed, and saved for a purpose.

Thursday Lunch Bunch Begins September 15th

A New Mid-Week Hybrid Opportunity!

Looking to explore faith, theology, and Scripture in an intimate, in-depth session? Join us beginning Thursday, September 15th at 11:30am for our Thursday Lunch Bunch which will meet every Thursday at this time, 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!

To join by ZOOM: Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter or call-in by dialing +1 301 715 8592, and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 817 1531 9482 and Passcode: Zion. (Join by [One-Click Join](#))

Have you ever found the Scriptures confusing regarding being open and affirming? Have you ever struggled to explain what the Bible says about our LGBTQIA+ neighbors? Maybe someone has asked you to explain how you can be affirming of LGBTQIA+ persons when the Bible has so little to say on the topic and the few references available can make it more confusing if you don't understand what the original translations say in addition to the various historical and cultural traditions that they were intended to address.

You are invited to attend the seminar

***Biblical Translation for Gay Liberation:
How the Bible Does Not Condemn Homosexuality:
An In-Depth Study.***

at

**ZION REFORMED UCC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
201 N. POTOMAC STREET, HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740**

Join us for this exciting Seminar as we look at the true translations – (not interpretations) - of the Hebrew and Greek Scrolls through the influences of ancient Middle Eastern, Hebrew, Greek, Roman and early Christian traditions. Hear the truth of *Deuteronomy 23:17-18, Genesis 18, 19 “Sodom Story”; Leviticus “The Holiness Codes”, 1st Corinthians 6:9-10, 1st Timothy 1:8-10, and Romans 1:21, 26-27.*

Registration is Free for participants of Zion Reformed UCC and Connections 6:8 UCC, and \$25 for all other attendees. Registration includes lunch and a binder with all study and working materials. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 19. Registration will close when registration reaches 30 registrants.

9:30am Registration/fellowship/pick up binders, with refreshments,
10:00am – 4:00pm – Seminar with Lunch Break

**To Register call 301.739.7244 or
www.zionreformed.church/ScrollsRevealed**

The Seminar is co-sponsored by Zion Reformed UCC and Connections 6:8 UCC,
and is facilitated by Reverend Harry B. Stock



Harry completed a 5-year study program (*Order of Jerusalem*) through the West Virginia School of Religion and earned a Master in Divinity Degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1981 he was ordained an Episcopal Priest and in 1991 he transferred his credentials and was ordained in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). He served as Pastor of the MCC Church of the Disciples for 14 years and served on the faculty of Samaritan Institute of Religious Studies for 10 years where he taught "*Homosexuality and the Bible*" and "*Introduction to Sexuality Studies.*" He has been facilitating this Seminar for 30 years in churches and colleges in California, Florida, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Washington, DC, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Delaware, South Carolina and West Virginia. He is the founder and president of **Scrolls Revealed Ministries** and he currently serves as Parish Partner at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Washington DC and lives with his partner Mark of 43 years in Waldorf, Maryland.



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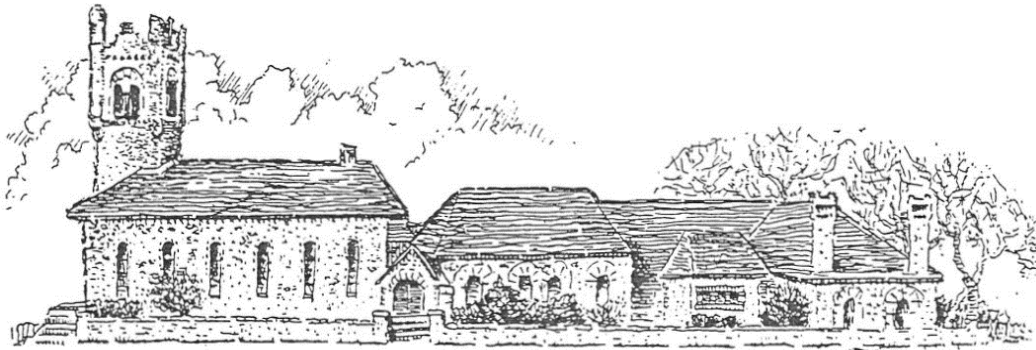
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