

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ♣ October 16th, 2022 ♣ 11 A.M.

# Worship Guide

Scattering Seeds of Hope

#### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.
Please silence all mobile devices.

→ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music <sup>♦</sup>

"Darwall's Fantasia"

Ringing of the Bells<sup>♦</sup>

Prelude to Worship

"When, in Our Music, God is Glorified"

Words of Welcome

↑ Call to Community

God of Creation, you raised the sun up this morning,

And you lead us from the darkness of the cross the bright light of the empty tomb!

Even if dark clouds and rain darken the view,

You are the Light of the World and you have called us to be Light.

In the darkest of the night, we know that daybreak is coming.

The Hope of the World is found in you. We join our hearts together in worship, so we might experience your light more fully. Amen.

↑ Opening Hymn<sup>\(\frac{1}{2}\)</sup>

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" The Hymnal #434 (Red)

Litany of the Harvest

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The skies display the work of God's hands.

God of light and God of night; Creator of seed and mountain, raindrop and fountain. We praise you. Lover of child and childless, rich and homeless, we praise you. Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 40:28)

'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' (Genesis 8:22)

By faith, I gaze up to the heavens and know within its enormity that this is your creation, planned and achieved within eternity.

By faith, I pluck an ear of corn and know within its symmetry lies the chemistry of life the potential of creation within my hand.

By faith, I listen for your voice and know the whisper that I hear breathed a world into existence yet listens to the prayer within my soul.

By faith, I strive to do your will and know the door that I approach may lead me to shadows where my role is to become your light.

# By faith, I cling to your word and know the strength that I receive has its source within the love that is at the center of all things.

Listen to these words from Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) and think about them for a moment:

'Lord, purge our eyes to see within the seed a tree, Within the glowing egg a bird, Within the shroud a butterfly, Til, taught by such, we see beyond all creatures, thee.'

For the beauty of a country scene,

#### We praise you Lord for sight!

For the coolness of a mountain stream,

We praise you Lord for touch!

For nightingale in harmonious tune,

We praise you Lord for ears!

For the taste of fruit that we have grown,

We praise you Lord for senses! Amen.

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Always Remember God Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Rae Smith

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

# Choral Response $^{lapha}$

The Hymnal (red) #185, Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown Him,
Crown Him, Lord of all!
Amen.

Second Reading: The Widow and the Unjust Judge

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSVUE) Rev. Katie Penick

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Overflowing!

Special Music <sup>♦</sup>

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ♦

"Lift High the Cross"

# Offertory Response

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

("Thy Word")

Blessing Our Gifts

May these gifts we give be a blessing to you, O God, just as the bountiful harvest has been a blessing in our lives. May these blessings be shared so that the love of Christ is made known to the world that God. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn<sup>♦</sup>

"Great is Your Faithfulness" TNCH #423 (Black Hymnal)

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### Preparing for the Meal

"Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest." (William Wilberforce)

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty.

Creator God:

#### Thank you!

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil's nutrients, sunshine's warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow.

Creator God:

#### Thank you!

Now God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2: 8)

In the beginning there was humankind, placed within your garden, made steward, gardener and caretaker of this place of beauty, given responsibilities and the capacity to enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown fruit or have spread and choked the earth.

Creator God:

#### Forgive us.

An old Korean proverb says: "If you plant a bean, then you will harvest only beans, not grapes or strawberries." God gave us new life through Jesus Christ and planted special seeds of forgiveness and love in our hearts. What fruit will we bear in our daily lives?"

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the center, feed us, equip us and having provided for us look to a different harvest -- a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, and harvest us that our lives might bring glory to you.

The Story

Sharing the Meal <sup>♦</sup>

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 (sung)

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 <sup>♦</sup>

"We Plough the Seeds and Scatter"
The Hymnal #432 (Red)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ♦

"Prince of Denmark's March"

#### GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



#### Dinner Theater Postponed

The Dinner Theater has been postponed until the spring tentatively. If you are interested in performing in this show, dinner theater mystery, please see Barb Hendershot.

#### Consistory 2023 Candidates Needed

Do you have a passion to serve? Consider serving your church by helping lead us into the future, helping to ensure we continue to serve God, one another, and our neighbors. If you are willing to accept the call, let Consistory President Kim Ridenour know. Nominations must be received by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Totenfest 2022

Our annual service of remembrance, Totenfest, will be on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> during worship. This service is when we remember all the dearly departed since last November. If you have a loved one you would like to remember, please submit their information by filling out the Totenfest Form and turning in to the Church Office. If you have a photo that you would like to share to display on the media screens during the reading of the names, please submit that with your form. To remember loved ones from past years, you can submit their information and photo for in the Memorial Book.

#### Thursday Lunch Bunch

The Thursday Lunch Bunch meets every Thursday at 11:30am in the Burhans Room and virtually via ZOOM. Virtual connection details can be found at <a href="www.zionreformed.church/thursday">www.zionreformed.church/thursday</a>. We are close to finishing our discussion on the book, "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans and will begin exploring the book, "Brother to a Dragon Fly" by Will Campbell. If you need a copy of this new book, let Rae know so we can order you a copy. "Brother to a Dragonfly" is a 1977 memoir by the Civil Rights activist and Baptist preacher Will Davis Campbell. It concerns Davis' upbringing in an impoverished corner of Amite County, Mississippi in the 1930s. It focuses heavily on Davis' relationship with his brother who, despite a similar upbringing, died of a substance abuse problem. The book was nominated for a National Book Award and has been reprinted with a Foreword by President Jimmy Carter.

### Call to Action: Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund

As you know, we have seen widespread destruction and loss in FL and the Carolinas because of Hurricane Ian, one of the most severe storms to affect the region in years. The United Church of Christ has established a hurricane relief fund to help with immediate needs while basic infrastructure is repaired, and more complete assessments can be made. As a people of faith, we can show up through our prayers and giving for our most vulnerable neighbors and journey with them on the long road to recovery. With your support, we can offer healing and resources through solidarity grants that support relief. Your gift enables the church to be present with people amidst catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing long-term recovery support. Please be sure to note "Hurricane Relief Fund" in the memo section and place in the offering plate or donate online at <a href="https://www.zionreformed.church/give">www.zionreformed.church/give</a>. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity!



## **Our Joys & Concerns**

#### Praying with One Another

Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communicationwith 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, Ronald Curry Sr., 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, Jean Simmons, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman, and Mia.

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

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Joanne Albright** (Oct 16<sup>th</sup>) and **Megan Graff Bohn** (Oct 19<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 (Oct 16<sup>th</sup>): Rae Smith

Next Week (Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>): Rich Owens

## 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: 10.22% as of Oct 13<sup>th</sup> (\*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard)
7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 8% with 15 hospitalizations as of Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (\*Meritus Health)
Human MonkeyPox Emergency: 692 cases throughout the state of MD (\*MD Health Dept)

## **Important Dates This Week**

November Newsletter Deadline – October 17<sup>th</sup>, Noon

**ONA Team Meeting** – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

**Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop** — October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Dine-in and carry-out options available!

Search & Call Team Meeting – October 19th at 4pm

**Thursday Lunch Bunch** – October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am (Hybrid)

www.zionreformed.church/thursday

**Choir Practice** – October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (Chapel)

**Downtown Hagerstown 4-H Club –** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm (Burhans Room)

See Kim Ridenour for more information



# **UPDATE Displaced Individuals/Families Still in Transition**

THANK YOU to all who have responded with donations to help the individuals and families who were displaced a several weeks ago when the Georgian building in downtown Hagerstown was condemned! **More than \$10,000** in donations has been received by Goodwill to assist with their hotel stays and placement into new housing.

It was thought that enough of the work on the building would be finished within 3-4 weeks for tenants to return, but we learned last week that it will take <u>months</u> to correct the building violations, so these individuals and families need to find another place to live.

Goodwill is working with a couple of families on shelter options, and two have found housing. A few others decided to self-pay at the hotel until they can return to the Georgian (though this will cause financial hardship). Goodwill is working with the remaining families to find housing as quickly as possible. The displaced individuals and families were all paying tenants who are working, and most are just above the income limits to qualify for public assistance.

#### Ways you can help:

- <u>Donate online</u> to Goodwill with a notation of "displaced families."
- Donate by contacting Brooke Grossman fro instructions: <a href="mailto:bgrossman@goodwill-bgi.org">bgrossman@goodwill-bgi.org</a> or 301.988.0185.
- **Identify potential landlords or rental opportunities** that could fit the income levels of these families (they were paying \$700-\$750 at the Georgian, but a little higher may be considered).
- **PRAY** for the families and organizations working to help them, and for speedy improvements to the building as affordable housing is in limited supply.

Thank you for your assistance and your prayers!

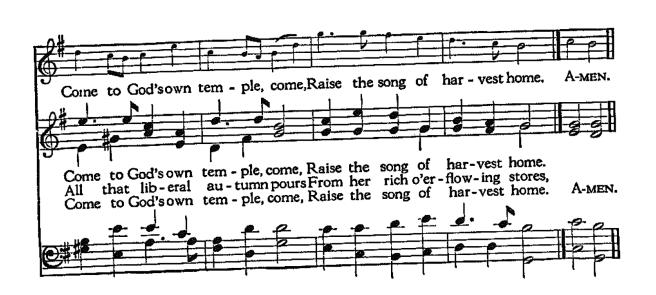
Blessings,

Kathy Powderly Executive Director

# **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

The Hymnal #434 (Red Hymnal)





### **Great Is Your Faithfulness**

TNCH #423 (Black Hymnal)





## We Plow the Seeds and Scatter

The Hymnal, Song#432 (Red Hymnal)



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**Opening Hymn:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – CCLI Song# 50200 / The Hymnal (red hymnal) Song# 434. – Tune: "St. George's Windsor" by George J. Elvey (1856), ©Public Domain. Descant by H. A. Chambers (1931), ©Public Domain. Lyrics by Henry Alford (1844), ©Public Domain. Alt. lyrics by Hugh Hartshorne, ©Public Domain. Performed by C.M. Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) of Zion Reformed UCC. \*Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

**Choral Response:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – CCLI Song# 584594 | The Hymnal (red hymnal) Song# 185 – Tune, "Miles Lane" by William Shrubsole (1779), ©Public Domain. Lyrics by Edward Perronet (1780), ©Public Domain. Performed by C.M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. \*Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

**Special Music:** "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" – CCLI Song# 1828321 – Arranged by Jack Schrader, ©1997, this arrangement 2009, by Hope publishing Company. Based on the tune setting, "Closer Walk", a traditional North American hymn by Anonymous with lyrics by Anonymous, ©Public Domain. Performed by C.M. Moblard (pianist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) of Zion Reformed UCC. \*Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

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**Koinonia Hymn:** "Great is Your Faithfulness" – One License Song#95006 / The New Century Hymnal (Song# 423) – Tune: "Faithfulness" by William Runyan (1923), ©1923, renewed 1951, by Hope Publishing Company. Lyrics by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923), ©1923, renewed 1951, by Hope Publishing Company. Lyric alterations by The New Century Hymnal, ©1995 by The Pilgrim Press. Performed by C.M. Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) of Zion Reformed UCC. \*Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

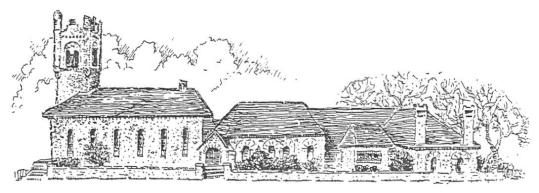
**Communion Music:** Gospel Medley – XXXXXXX – Arrangement by C.M. Moblard. Performed by C.M. Moblard (harpsichordist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Lord's Prayer:** Lord's Prayer Song – XXXXXXX – Composed by C.M. Moblard. Performed by C.M. Moblard (instrumentalist) and the Zion Choir (vocals).

**Closing Hymn:** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" – CCLI Song# 328554 / The Hymnal (Song# 432) – Tune: "Wir Pflügen" by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1800), ©Public Domain. Lyrics by Matthias Claudius (1782), translated by Jane M. Campbell, ©Public Domain. Performed by C.M. Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) of Zion Reformed UCC. \*Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

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