

#### ~Martin Luther, German Reformer

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 🐵 October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 💩 11 A.M.

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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Justice, Love, and Humility <sup>Micah 6:8</sup>

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering Music 👇	"Toccata and Fugue in D minor"
Ringing of the Bells $\stackrel{\[-1.5ex]}{\leftarrow}$	
Prelude to Worship	"A Mighty Fortress"
Words of Welcome	
↑ Call to Community	based on Psalm 46
Be still!	
We come to quiet ourselves in this sacred sanctuary.	
Be still and know	
We come to discern the holy Word which will set us free	2.
Be still and know that God is	

#### our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

↑ Opening Hymn<sup>4</sup>

#### Prayer for Reformation

God of our history, God of the Church, God of this church,

#### we thank you for your generous Spirit, poured out on all the faithful who have served you to this day.

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" TNC Hymnal #439 (Black)

For those who have endured, even in the lion's mouth;

#### for those who have believed in your ever-renewing spirit;

for those who have refused glory for your Child's humility;

#### for those who have opened long-closed windows for fresh air;

for those who have been steadfast in the struggle for your kingdom,

#### we give you thanks and praise.

Today, we all remember and celebrate the founders of our Reformation faith-- Martin Luther, John Wesley, John Calvin...). But we also remember and celebrate those from our ranks who keep our faith alive--

(please name those who have come before us. The fathers and mothers of this congregation.)

God of history, pour out your Spirit still,

### on us, on young and old, on all, for you alone are the hope of all the earth.

May your kingdom come!

Children's Time

*"This is My Story and Song!"* The Zion Choir

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: The Prophet's Complaint

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (NRSVUE) Lector: Wells Ridenour

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.



Second Reading: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSVUE) Rev. Katie Penick

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

### Seen Through Grace

#### RESPONDING IN LOVE

Stewardship Moment

Offertory 🔶

Carroll Sager

"O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Offertory Response 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.

Blessing Our Gifts

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

↑ Koinonia Hymn<sup>4</sup>

"As We Gather at Your Table" TNCH #332 (Black Hymnal)

Invitation

Remembering Who We Are: UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

The Story

Sharing the Meal  $\diamondsuit$ 

"Joy of Every Longing Heart"

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 Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray....

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  $\stackrel{\clubsuit}{\rightarrow}$ 

"Now Thank We All Our God" TNC Hymnal #419 (Black)

# Sending Forth

For all that God can do within us; for all that God can do without us,

# Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us; for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

# Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us; for where the Spirit wants to send us,

# Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

# Amen.

Prelude to Service ♦



"War March of Priests"

GO FORTH IN

Peace & Serve!



# Reformation Sunday - Today

Many Protestant congregations including Zion Reformed UCC have a tradition of celebrating "Reformation Sunday" each year. Designed to honor the anniversary of Luther's posting of his famous 95 theses, these events typically occur on the last Sunday in October. October 31st, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today?

- Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story a chance to remember. We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about the things that have shaped our families over the years. Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and retell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.
- 2) Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things: Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives. On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.
- 3) Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better: Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better. We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God. In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call "church."

Happy Reformation Sunday!

\*Excerpt from sojoy.com/reformation and reformedinstitute.org

#### Daylight Savings Time Ends AND Church Luncheon – Next Week

Remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you get that extra hour of sleep to be refreshed for Sunday School and Sunday Worship on Nov 6th. After worship, we will gather in the chapel for a luncheon provided by the church. Please plan to join us for this time fellowship and discussion.

#### 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.

# A Call to Stewardship

Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, to the invitation to Christ's Table, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations. During this next season, our church community is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development. In particular, we will focus about what it means to gather at the sacred table, and how being welcome there calls us to become agents of grace.

Jesus invites us to bring all that we are and all that we have when we become a follower, a disciple of Christ. It is a sojourn that is meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity; as well as to strengthen us in becoming powerful agents for the good that God is doing in our world. When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ, we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires. The world is broken and hurting, and we are called to be a movement for wholeness among its many fractured pieces. Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ's invitation. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry that we are deploying as a sign that God's Realm is among us. Over the next few weeks beginning in today's service you will notice the inclusion of Stewardship Moments in worship and other materials as we focus on the stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures, and being good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to our care (i.e. finances, building, and ect) and how these things are benefitting our vision, mission, and values:

Vision Statement: To Share God's Inclusive Love, Uniting Us with Our Community

**Mission Statement:** To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith, discover our purpose and make a difference

Core Values: Community, Spiritual Life, and Discipleship in Action.

#### \*Read the complete vision, mission, and values statements at www.zionreformed.church/vision.

The theme of the UCC stewardship campaign this year focuses on going from bread and cup to faith and giving, challenging each of us to consider how we can go from simply enjoying the love and security for ourselves at God's table and share that love and security with our neighbors. How can we grow our faith and step forward with our time, talent, and treasures to impact our congregation and local community (and world)? For we are not called to hide under a bush, oh no, but to let our light shine, impacting (loving) our neighbors. Stewardship Sunday encourages us to also consider our investment in the ministry and mission of Zion Reformed UCC—how do we share our individual time, talent, and treasures. Are we able to give (even a small recurring gift)? Do we see the need for use of a talent we have? This season of discernment will culminate on November 13<sup>th</sup> during Stewardship Sunday with an opportunity answer some of these very questions with a commitment or pledge. It is our sincere hope that each of us will be intentional about responding to this important invitation to be us, not simply to offer your commitment card, but to choose to help grow our church's impact for God through your time or talent or treasure.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered to break bread and share with one another, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us, motivated by the grace we receive at the Table.



# A Journey into the Spiritual Practice of Generosity Around the Table of Jesus

#### Introduction:

When you think of stewardship, what comes to mind first? Have you ever considered that faithful stewardship begins at the Table of the Lord? Communion – the Eucharist, the Sacred Meal – is an integral part of the worship of many churches. Some celebrate the Lord's Supper each week, like us. Others do it monthly or quarterly. But whenever it is done, this moment of remembrance and celebration draws us together as brothers and sisters in Christ, our gracious host. The table is set with a loving loaf and an overflowing cup. What can our time at the table teach us about being good stewards of God's abundant blessings?

Over the next few weeks, look for this exciting scriptural study in your weekly bulletin that can be used as a family discussion, titled *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving*. These scripture selections will bring us to the Lord's Table and consider how the act of communion prepares us to be better stewards. Through prayer, reflection, discussion, and action, we will learn to embrace the lessons Jesus Christ offers us as we share the Bread and Cup.

#### Lesson: The Last Supper

#### Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

#### Prayer:

God of Bread and Cup, open our eyes this day to see more clearly the mystery of communion. Open our hearts this day to learn more about how we can be faithful stewards and follow the path Jesus has shown us. Amen.

#### Reflection:

Lectio Divina is a special way to study scripture. It invites us to listen deeply and deliberately as the passage is read aloud. We ask the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds to enlighten these ancient words in a new way. With lectio divinia, as we hear the scripture read, we often find a particular word or phrase comes to us. That is the Spirit's way of telling us to focus on that word or phrase and discover its meaning for us in this certain time and place. Have someone read today's scripture at least twice – slowly, reverently. Pause between each reading. Then ask each family member:

- What word(s) or phrase(s) stood out to you?
- Did you hear something today that you have never heard before?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit emphasized those words to you? (Remember, everyone will most likely hear something different, and that is perfectly fine.)



#### Discussion:

You most likely hear these words quite frequently – the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper. They put us in a solemn mood as we reflect on what they mean and how they challenge us. Of course, we know the Last Supper occurred during the Passover. The Passover meal is a commemoration of the night when Israel escaped from bondage in Egypt. The people didn't have time to let their bread rise, so they had to eat unleavened bread. The cup of wine represented the blood that was spread on the doorways so the Angel of Death could "pass over" the firstborn of the Israelites.

> What are some of the other elements of the Passover? Google "Seder" and share what you find.

We may not think of communion as a stewardship moment, but if you read the passage carefully, you'll see there are many stewardship words and phrases in it. "Take." "Gave." "Thanks." Creatively peruse the scripture again and find other words that can be emphasized as promoting stewardship. What about "broke"? What about "forgiveness"? What about "vine"? How can these words and concepts encourage us to be good stewards? Make a list of these words on a large sheet of paper and talk about how they challenge us to think about stewardship in new and exciting ways.

Jesus gave of Himself – body, blood – to bring redemption to us and reconcile us to God. He has set the example for us. Stewardship is more than just giving money to build up God's Realm. Stewardship involves all of our being – heart, soul, time, talent.

#### Action:

Share communion as a family. Gather in a circle with a loaf of bread and a cup. Listen to the words of Matthew 26:26-29 once again. Do the familiar motions of breaking the bread, lifting it up to God, and sharing it with one another. Break off a piece to eat – but not just a tiny crumb. Take a chunk! Think of it as symbolizing the love Jesus has for you. So you should break off a big piece. Hold the bread for a grateful moment, reflecting on Jesus, imagining Him there among you, serving and sharing. You can partake of the wine either by intinction or everyone can have their own small cup to drink in unison.

With your newfound perspective on communion's meaning, think of ways you can share your learnings with others in the church. Is there someone in your congregation who is a shut-in? Make plans to visit them and take communion to them.

#### Closing Prayer:

Take a few minutes to go to God in silent prayer. Ask God to strengthen your commitment to being a faithful steward of the blessings God gives you. Thank God for this special ritual that brings us to the Table as one. May we never take it for granted. Amen.



# **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, Hart Family, Jim & Donna Hatfield, Sherry Hockman, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Ann Kalinoski, Rhondda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, LaBombard Family, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mark Plotner, 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, Robert Yeoman, and Mia.

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

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Nicholas Patterson** (Oct 30<sup>th</sup>), **Toby Bell** (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>), John Schnebly (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Wells Ridenour** (Nov 3<sup>rd</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

Today: Wells Ridenour

*Next Sunday:* 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:* 11.02% as of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> (\*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard) *7-day COVID average for Wash. Co:* 9.5% with 16 hospitalizations as of Oct 19<sup>th</sup> (\*Meritus Health) *Human MonkeyPox Emergency:* 711 cases throughout the state of MD (\*MD Health Dept)

# **Important Dates This Week**

Properties Team Meeting – October 31st, 2pm (Burhans Room)

American Indian Heritage Month Begins Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Learn More about this Important Month at www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov and http://caimucc.com

**ONA Team Meeting** – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

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

Service Workers Meeting – November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm

Thursday Lunch Bunch – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am (Hybrid) www.zionreformed.church/thursday

**Executive Team Meeting** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm (Hybrid)

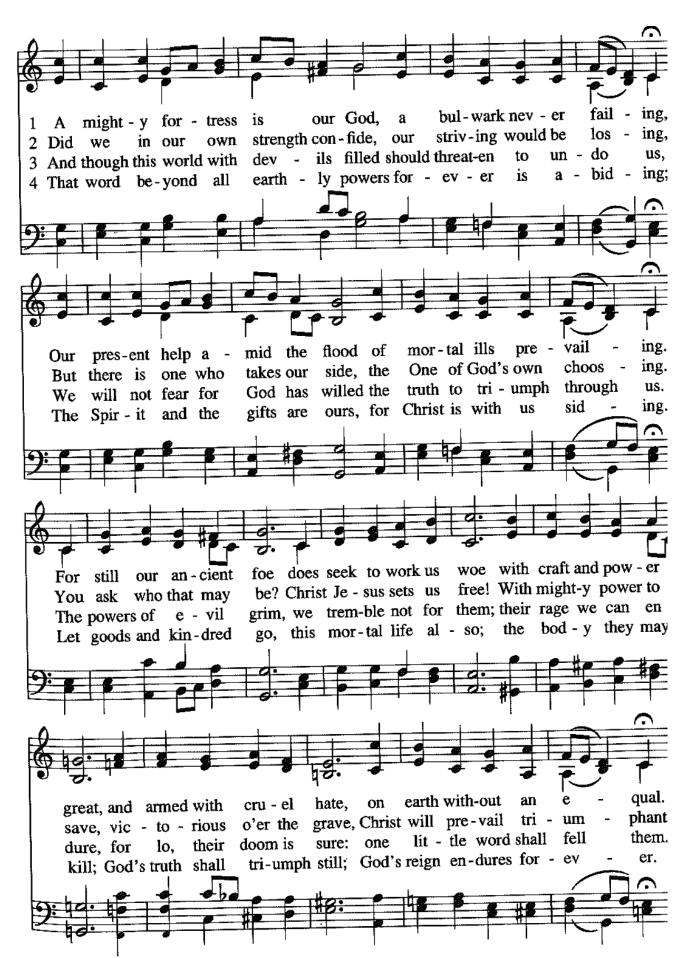
**Choir Practice** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm (Chapel)

**Downtown Hagerstown 4-H Club** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm (Burhans Room) See Kim Ridenour for more information

**Catoctin Association Fall Meeting** – November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, check-in from 9-9:30am. (Hybrid) Hosted at St Mary's UCC in Westminster at 1441 E. Mayberry Rd., Westminster, MD 21158.

# A Mighty Fortress is Our God

The New Century Hymnal #439 (Black Hymnal)



# As We Gather at Your Table

The New Century Hymnal #332 (Black Hymnal)



# Now Thank We All Our God

The New Century Hymnal #419 (Black Hymnal)



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