



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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Call to Worship: Always

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Worship Songs: Forever Reign  
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Scripture: Exodus 16:1-20

Message: "Go Back or Press On?"

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Closing Song: Christ Is Enough

Blessing

Message by Pastor Steve Petroelje

September 18, 2022

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## **ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ZION KID:** All kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. All Zion Kids must be picked up by a parent (please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child) following worship. The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in room 206. K-2nd graders meet in room 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in room 207.

**ZION'S ANNUAL** Keeping Kids Safe child protection policy training will be held today in the youth room following the morning worship service. This training is mandatory for all adults (and highly encouraged for those who are not yet 18) working with children & youth in any of our ministry programs.

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOR SECURITY** doors B, C, and D will be locked from 9:40AM until the end of the service each Sunday.

**THE ZION INPUT GATHERING** will begin 10 minutes after the worship service ends. Nursery will be available for children birth-3 years old and consistory members will supervise older children outside at our playground. A link to the four question survey will be emailed to the congregation after the input gathering so that you can anonymously respond online. For those without internet access, hard copies of the four questions are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Responses must be submitted by Sunday, September 25.

**JOIN US** for lunch, catered by Brann's, today following the Input Gathering as we celebrate the start of our education year. This is a great time to reconnect after a busy summer!

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder (assigned by last name):

Pattie Grooters (A-D)	Ken Johnson (E-H)	Eric Zondervan (I-M)
Tim Mekkes (N-R)	Arlyn Zoet (S-U)	Haley Stone (V-Z)

If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Jerrod Holzgen at (616) 520-1771. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Tom Boeve is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Sydney Mott completed her 8th chemo treatment this week and continues to do well. Ellie Mott started chemo and radiation treatments on September 2 and is handling them great so far! Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

**A SPECIAL OFFERING** to support the Benevolence Fund will be received on Sunday, October 2. Zion's Benevolence Fund balance is running low. Benevolent funds are managed by the Deacons and are used to help people in the church or surrounding community through financially-difficult times.

**WE ARE** starting to plan a family camping opportunity for summer 2023 at Dunes Harbor Family Camp in Silver Lake. While we don't have a specific date, we would like to determine if there is sufficient interest to move forward. If you would like to join us, please sign up (you are not obligated at this time) on the bulletin board by the church office. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Rick or Jonell VanderWall.

## **ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REGULAR YOUTH** group meetings start tonight.

- High School Youth(9-12 grade) meet from 4 - 5:30 pm.
- Middle School Youth (6-8th) meet from 5:45 – 7:15 pm.

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

### **TODAY**

- 10:50AM Keeping Kids Safe Training (Youth room)
- 10:50AM Zion Input Gathering
- 11:45AM Lunch catered by Brann's
- 4:00PM High School Youth Group meets
- 5:45PM Middle School Youth Group meets

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30PM Praise Team Practice

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** September 11, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17	Year to Date Budget:	\$143,656.38
General Fund: \$10,534.50	Year to Date Contribution:	\$121,272.26

## Message Notes

**Series:** Lessons for Transitioning: A series from Exodus

**Message:** "Go Back or Press On?"

**Scripture:** Exodus 16:1-20

### **The temptation to go \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The Israelites had short term memories of God's faithfulness.
2. Why are we often inclined to want to go back?
  - Comfort is easier than the fear of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A distorted \_\_\_\_\_ of the past  
(Exodus 16:3, Numbers 14:3-4)
3. Thankfully, God doesn't go back on us!

### **We need to \_\_\_\_\_ on**

1. Pressing on requires us to exercise \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pressing on moves us toward a future \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proverbs 23:17-18, Jeremiah 29:1
3. Pressing on allows us to make an \_\_\_\_\_ as redeemed Christians.
4. We don't have a \_\_\_\_\_. We usually can't go back.

### **Application Questions:**

1. In what area of your life are you tempted to retreat or go back to something, rather than press on with faith?
2. What will it take for you to press on? How can you rely more on God and the support of others?
3. What is one step or commitment you can take with God's help to stay the course and embrace the future?