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REFORMATION DAY

October 31, 2021

GATHERING

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HYMN 504: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbour as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon:

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HYMN 517: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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Blessing

HYMN 632: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Dismissal

Postlude

A special welcome to all who worship with us on this Confirmation Day at Zion Church. You bless us with your presence on this very special day in the life of our community of faith.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord's Supper in a continuous fashion. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

Our confirmands affirming their baptism today are: **Julia Rogers and Oliver Johnstone.**

Following today's worship service, the confirmands will gather at the altar with Pastor Jeff, for pictures.

COMPOSERS IN CONCERT 2021 takes place here at Zion next **Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** Admission is just "what you can pay". Featured Composers are: **Michael Dobinson, Michel Allard and *Marco Burak*.**

REMINDER to turn your clocks back one hour as Standard Time returns on **Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.**

HOUSE OF BLESSING NEED OF THE WEEK: The House of Blessing

provided an update on their food supply this past week. "It definitely is not near the supply we have had other years, and we are really short in **cereal and oatmeal.**" As you are able, if you could bring **cereal and oatmeal** for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: for our Grade 5/6 class. If you are interested, please contact Paula McNaughton by email: pauley_mcnaughton@hotmail.com or by calling her cell after 6:00 p.m. at 519-274-4121.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: Last chance for any one wanting to renew their subscription; or, new subscription requests to "Eternity For Today" please contact Darlene Illman at 519-271-0996 or Jane in the Church Office at 519-271-8527.

Payment may be made by placing cash or a cheque in the amount of \$13.50 in a separate envelope with your name and "Eternity For Today" written on the outside. The envelope can then be either mailed, placed in the offering plate upon entering the Church or put in our mailbox. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY *NOVEMBER 7, 2021*: The church remembers those who have passed away over the past year. ***This year All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, November 7, 2021.***

If you wish to have a loved one added to our prayer list, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 by **Thursday, November 4, 2021.**

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: Just a reminder that the November Newsletter will be mailed out to ALL members on Friday, November 5 as Contribution Statements up to and including October 31 will be included in the mailout. Members who usually receive the Newsletter via email will receive the November Newsletter in the mail.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Maria, Bob, Brian, Murray, Judy, Mary, Elizabeth, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, Jack,

John, Ralph, Katana, Rose Marie, Ron, Brian and Kolby.
>for Julia Rogers and Oliver Johnstone as they affirm their baptismal promises on this day of Confirmation.
>for the family of Bea Huras as they mourn her death.
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

Serving Next Sunday, November 7, 2021 As We Worship:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed Reader: Stephen Fischer
Usher Captain: Steve Lamont Counter: Kevin Tuer Team

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