

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024 – 10:45am



## Gather Around the Easter Cross

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Easter Us

By Walter Brueggemann

You God who terrified the waters,  
who crashed your thunder,  
who shook the earth,  
and scared the wits out of chaos.  
You God with strong arm saved your people  
by miracle and wonder and majestic act.  
You are the same God to whom we turn,  
we turn in our days of trouble  
and in our weary nights;  
we look for steadfast love and are dismayed,  
we wait for your promises, but wait in fatigue,  
we ponder your forgetfulness and lack of compassion,  
and we grow silent.  
Our lives, addressed to you,  
have this bitter-sweet taste of  
loud-crashing miracles and weak-kneed doubt.  
So we come in our bewilderment and wonderment,  
deeply trusting, almost afraid to trust much,  
passionately insisting, too timid to insist much,  
fervently hoping, exhausted for hoping too much.  
Look upon us in our deep need,  
mark the wounds of our brothers and sisters just here,  
notice the turmoil in our lives, and the lives of our families,  
credit the incongruity of the rich and the poor in our very city,

and the staggering injustices abroad in our land,  
tend to the rage out of control, rage justified by displacement,  
rage gone crazy by absence, silence, and deprivation,  
measure the suffering,  
count the sufferers,  
number the wounds.  
You tamer of chaos and mender of all tears in the canvas of creation,  
we ponder your suffering,  
your crown of thorns,  
your garment taken in lottery,  
your mocked life.  
And now we throw upon your suffering humiliation,  
the suffering of the world.  
You defeater of death, whose power could not hold you,  
come in your Easter,  
come in your sweeping victory,  
come in your glorious new life.  
Easter us,  
salve wounds,  
break injustice,  
bring peace,  
guarantee neighbor.  
Easter us in joy and strength.  
Be our God, be your true self, lord of life,  
massively turn our life toward your life  
and away from anti-neighbor, anti-deathliness.  
Hear our thankful, grateful, unashamed Hallelujah!  
Amen.

### **EASTER PRAYER and ACCLAMATION**

One: God of resurrection, you are waiting for us at the tomb of our despair. Break upon us with the brilliance of a new day. Color our grayscale lives with a joy no one can take. Paint the horizon of our hope with brilliance. Mark us indelibly, forever beloved.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# Halleluja

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Traditional

A E A D Bm E

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for 'Halleluja'. It is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are written below the staff.

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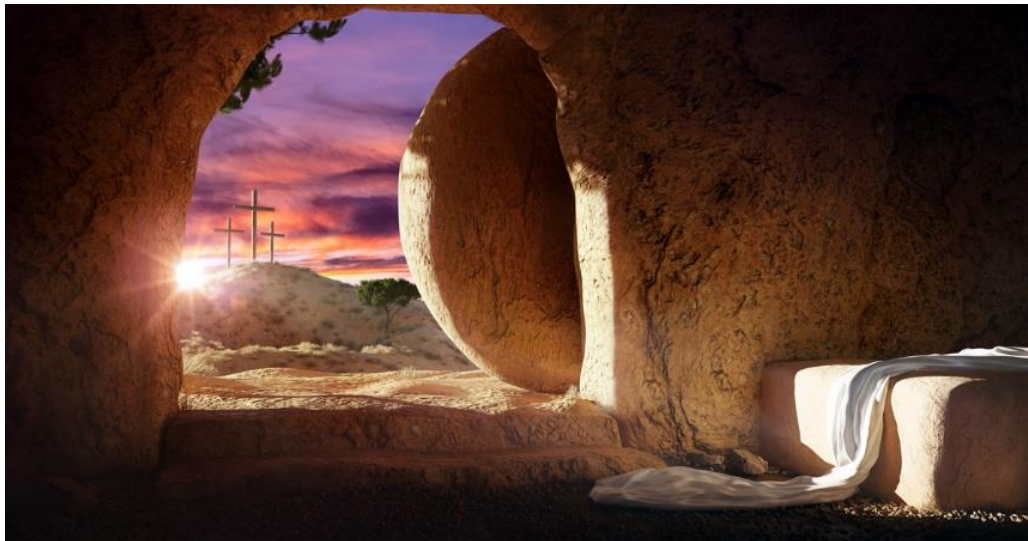
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation for 'Halleluja'. It continues on a single staff in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody includes quarter, eighth, and dotted quarter notes. Chord symbols A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.' are written below the staff.

*This joyous response may be used following readings of scripture, or as a processional or recessional, especially during Easter.*

Tune: HALLELUJA  
Caribbean melody

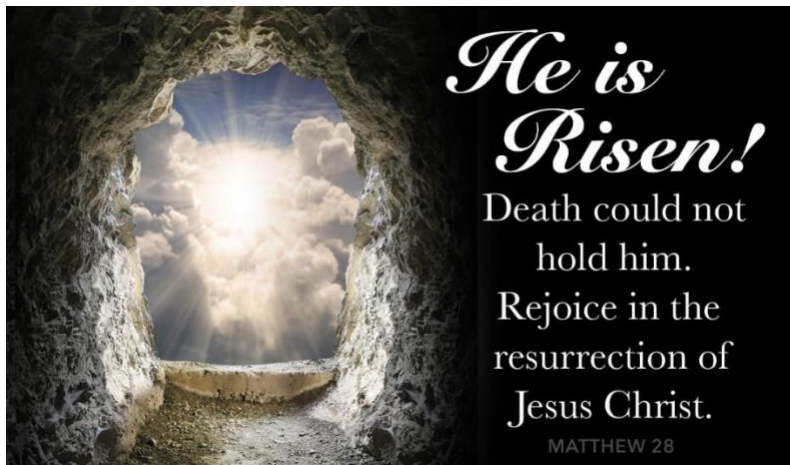
**Please process into the Sanctuary**



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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 – 11:00am



## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Three Easter Chorales from the Orgelbuchlein*

J S Bach

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Fanfare for Easter Day*

Jack H. Ossewaarde

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks that God is good

**All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST**

One: Give thanks that Jesus is risen

**All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST**

One: Give thanks that we are alive

**All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST**

One: Glory to God

**All: JESUS IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!**

One: Glory to God

**All: WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY?!**

One: Glory to God

**All: YOUR LIFE IS OUR STORY**

One: Glory to God

**All: YOUR LOVE IS OUR WAY. YOUR JOY IS YOUR GIFT. Alleluia!**

### \*HYMN

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

NCH #233

### PRAYER OF HOPE

*Watered Gardens* by Joyce Rupp

One: God of little buds just now wearing green sleeves,  
God of lilac limbs all full with signs of flowering,  
God of fields plowed and black with turned-over earth,  
God of screeching baby bird mouths widely awaiting food,  
God of openness, of life and of resurrection,

**All: Come into this Easter season and bless me.**

One: Look around the tight, dead spaces of my heart  
That still refuse to give you an entrance.  
Bring your gentle but firm love.  
Begin to lift the layers of resistance  
That hang on tightly deep inside of me.

**All:** *Open, one by one, those places in my life*  
One: Where I refuse to be overcome by surprise.  
**All:** *Open, one by one, those parts of my heart*  
**One:** Where I fight the entrance of real growth.  
**All:** *Open, one by one, those aspects of my spirit*  
One: Where my security struggles with the truth.

**All:** *Keep me open to the different and the strange;*  
One: Help me to accept the unusual and also the ordinary;  
Never allow me to tread on others' dreams  
By shutting them out, closing them up,  
By turning them off or pushing them away.  
God of the Resurrection, God of the living,  
Untomb and uncover all that needs to live in me.  
Take me to people, events, and situations  
And stretch me into much greater openness.

**All:** *Open me. Open me. Open me.*  
*For it is only then that I will grow and change.*  
*For it is only then that I will be transformed.*  
*For it is only then that I will know how it is*  
*To be in the moment of rising from the dead.*

## CHORAL REFRAIN

*Alleluia*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

### \*HYMN

*The Strife is O'er*

NCH #242

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

On this mountain,  
YHWH Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food,  
a banquet of fine wines,  
food rich and succulent,  
and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain God will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever.

God will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek,  
and will take away the shame  
of God's people on earth, wherever they live. YHWH has spoken.

On that Day it will be said, This is our God,  
this is the One for whose liberation we waited,  
YHWH is the One in whom we had hoped!  
We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance...

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM***Sing and Shout Praises*

Zion Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:1-18 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don't know where they have put Jesus!

At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn't enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus' head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn't understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain. They asked her, Why are you weeping? She answered them, Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body.

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking? She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away. Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned to him and said, Rabboni! —which means Teacher .

Jesus then said, Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!' Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. I have seen the Teacher! she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON****\*HYMN***Now the Green Blade Rises*

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**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS****Offertory***I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Georg Frederick Handel

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from who all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Divine Sustainer, receive these gifts that we gladly give. May they be used to revive and restore those in need. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### The Invitation

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from north, south, east, and west to sit at the table in the realm of God.

**All: Here in this place, the communion table is open to all people.**

One: Gather around this resurrection table where all are welcomed and the good earth is affirmed. From her generosity, we bring these gifts of bread and wine.

**All: Witnesses to Hope, we participate in Christ's liberation.**

One: This is Christ's table, we are invited to share in the feast of promise.

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to god.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give god thanks and praise.**

One: Be still and know that I am God.

**All: We are still in your presence you are still with us.**

One: In Christ you accompany us, embodied among us, sharing our birthing our living our dying

**All: Sharing our dreams of hope and liberation, offering us new life and the shattering of the tomb.**

One: In Christ you appear as the host at the ebbing and the flowing of our lives

**All: You beckon us to share your hospitality, your challenge of love.**

One: In Christ you sit as the guest at the table of the stranger

**All: You bless us with your presence, your awakening of love.**

One: In Christ you stand among us as host and guest at the heart of this community

**All: You share with us your vulnerability, your unwrapping of love.**

One: As hosts with Christ, we bless this bread. As guests with Christ, we pour this wine. As welcomed strangers, united in Christ's life, death, and embodied liberation, we hear the words of promise:

### Words of Institution

One: This is my body given for you; take and eat to remember me.

This cup poured out: take and drink remember me.

In this action of justice-making, we recall broken minds and bodies and blood shed through lust for power and nature's turn of hand.

**All: Restore and heal all that is wounded be present in the stillness of the waiting  
roll back the stone of prejudice and fear release the signs of spring.**

One: Breaking of bread  
We gently break this bread of fragile life

**All: Our breaking down becomes our breaking through.**

One: As we eat this living bread and drink the new wine of resurrection, let us celebrate the  
cosmic Christ, our liberator and sustainer

**All: With divine tenderness you remake us by transforming pain you heal us – your  
passionate energy empowers us.**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Generous God,  
the meal is over.  
The tomb is empty.  
and the unfinished work of creation stretches before us.**

**Send us from this place,  
full of your grace  
and called by your Spirit  
to be the Resurrected Body of Christ in the world.  
May it be so! Amen!**

### \*HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!*

NCH #245

### BLESSING

Go with blessing.

The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos weaves joy within your own heart.  
The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows travels right beside you.  
The One who whispers joy to our hearts is present within you.  
You are blessed in the name of God, Holy Three in One.  
**Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah Chorus*

Georg Frederick Handel

**Please remain seated until the Altar candles are doused.**





## Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Micah's Backpack** is collecting Juice Boxes in the month of April.

**Our Tuesday Night Ministry** needs **Empty Egg Cartons**. We are also individual Cereal Boxes during the month of April.

We are in need of volunteers on **Tuesday Nights** to help in both the kitchen and the pantry. Contact Kim Ridenour or the office if you are interested.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## 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. Join 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 around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings:*

Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Elizabeth Baseler, **David Baker**, Koda Bell, Maryann Bohn and Children, Brenda Bowers, Family of Mickey Brackett (brother-in-law of Naomi), Naomi Brackett, **Bryan**, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Steve Cavey, Kim & Bill Cook, Courtney and Baby Vera, Donna France, Brandon Graff, Samantha Graff, Sue Graff, **Michael Graff, Sr.**, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Jane Hershey, Lyn Hoffmaster, Brian Johnson, **Kamry (Tuesday Volunteer)**, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Brenda Lohman, **Peggy Lowman**, The Family of Marlin Martin (LoriBeth Martins father-in-law), Gloria & John Moats, Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Stephanie Resetar, **David Ridenour**, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

***\*\*New additions to the Prayer List will be printed in bold for the first week.***

## Other Announcements

### **Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck** (6PM in the Chapel)

Come and join us for an insightful conversation following a potluck meal (bring what you like).

### **Visioning, Strategic Planning & Implementation**

Mark your calendar for Visioning, Strategic Planning & Implementation April 5th & 6th All members and friends of Zion Reformed UCC are invited to join us in identifying the core priorities for Zion Reformed UCC for the next five years. This weekend is very important to help us to work together. Friday April 5th from 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Please join us!!



## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Rae Smith. The lector next week is Wells Ridenour.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Lisa Saum. Middle Door – Calvin Livingston.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

- 4/1 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm  
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 4/2 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 4/3 Wednesday Devotional **Gratitude** and Potluck 6:00pm
- 4/4 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 4/5 Visioning & Strategic Planning 5:30pm – 9:00pm
- 4/6 Visioning & Strategic Planning 8:45am – 3:00pm

### **Birthdays**

Sue Graff	3/31
Delilah Bell	4/2
Aaron Kelly	4/4
Tess Summers	4/5
Betsy Roulette	4/7 **100 <sup>th</sup> Years Young**

**Service Credits**  
**March 31**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

**Gathering music:** Three Easter Chorales from the Orgelbuchlein. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Fanfare for Easter Day. Arr. by Jack H. Ossewaarde. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today. NCH 233. Tune: Easter hymn. Words by John Wesley. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Strife is O'er. NCH 242. Tune: Victory. Composed by Giovanni Perluigi.  
Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Now the Green Blade Rises. Tune: Noel Nouvelet. French noel. Words by John M. C. Crum. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Day of Resurrection! Tune: Lancashire. Composed by Henry T. Smart (1836).  
Words by John of Damascus (8<sup>th</sup> century). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

**Choir Anthem:** Sing and Shout Praises. Composed by Eric Stover. © 2007 by the Lorenz Corp.

**Offertory:** I know that My Redeemer Liveth. Composed by Georg Frederick Handel. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Hallelujah Chorus. Composed by Georg Frederick Handel. © 1954 by Edward B. Marks Music Corp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

## Our 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.*



## Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

**Welcome** to the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, an **Open and Affirming Church** striving to welcome and value all people and creation. I am glad you have joined us this morning. I believe you will find Zion Church an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that honors each spiritual journey. I encourage you to ask me or our members about our community, explore our bulletin and website and gift us with your contact information (phone, address, email) in our Guest Book or Pew Card. I/we are ready to answer any question or to help connect you to any program that we can. I hope to greet you in person after the service or that you'll contact me.

Many blessings, Pastor Scott



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### **To Give Electronically**



2024  
Altar Flowers

**In Memory Of**

**Our Parents**

**Eric & Susie Smith**

**Sherbert, Egbert, Filbert, Katya & Tasha**

**Ricky Pietsch, Mom & Dad, and**

**Verna Rosenfield**

**Richard Coleman**

**Dorothy Young Ridenour**

**Jean & Marin Wainwright and**

**Margaret & Arthur Ware**

**Mom & Dad**

**By**

**Carol & Randy Schultz**

**Judy Thompson**

**Anthony & Scott**

**Rae Smith**

**Christine Coleman**

**Wells Ridenour**

**Barb & Charley Ware**

**Rick Waters**

**In Honor Of**

**Liliana & Calvin Shroyer**

**All the Zion Family**

**By**

**Carol & Randy Schultz**

**Magaret & Rev. Kevin Munroe**





## 2024 Easter Cross

### In Memory Of

### Presented By

<i>Dottie Brewer.....</i>	<i>Bill Brewer</i>
<i>Jake Summers.....</i>	<i>Tess Summers</i>
<i>Carroll Brackett.....</i>	<i>Naomi Brackett</i>
<i>George &amp; Francis Fratianni, Betty Teel, Gloria &amp; Richard Mooers.....</i>	<i>The Mooers Family</i>
<i>Sherbert.....</i>	<i>Rev. Scott &amp; Anthony</i>
<i>Danny Kaufman.....</i>	<i>Barry Landis</i>
<i>Ricky Pietsch, and Verna Rosenfield.....</i>	<i>Rae Smith</i>
<i>Dorothy Young Ridenour.....</i>	<i>Wells Ridenour</i>
<i>Sissie &amp; Dan Hohman and Gerldine Clutz.....</i>	<i>Becky Hohman</i>
<i>Richard D Coleman.....</i>	<i>Christine Coleman</i>
<i>Mom, Grandma &amp; Grandpa Ridenour, Grandma &amp; Grandpa Harshman.....</i>	<i>Kim Ridenour</i>
<i>Sylvia, Grandma &amp; Grandpa Ridenour, Grandma &amp; Grandpa Harshman .....</i>	<i>David E Ridenour</i>
<i>Robert &amp; Helen Binkele &amp; Ralph &amp; Beatrice France.....</i>	<i>Ralph &amp; Carol France</i>
<i>David &amp; Phyllis Emmert and Robert Sweigert.....</i>	<i>Barb &amp; Randy Hendershot</i>
<i>Walter Roulette, David Roulette, and David Alexander.....</i>	<i>Beth &amp; Mike Baseler</i>

### In Honor Of

### Presented By

<i>Our Grandchildren.....</i>	<i>Carol &amp; Randy Shultz</i>
<i>Atlee, Chace and Jax.....</i>	<i>The Mooers Family</i>
<i>Our Friends at Zion.....</i>	<i>Rev. Kevin &amp; Margaret Munroe</i>
<i>Carol Randy Schultz and Jim &amp; Sally Shroyer.....</i>	<i>Megan &amp; Mark Shroyer</i>
<i>The Loccisano Family- Josh, Becky, Rocco &amp; Lorelei and The Dattilio Family – Pat, Lizzie, Sophia, Rachel, Julia &amp; Lucas....</i>	<i>Carroll Sager</i>
<i>Dad, Mackenzie, Lori &amp; Kenlin, Uncle Wells.....</i>	<i>Kim Ridenour</i>
<i>Kimberly, Lori Beth, Mackenzie, Kenlin.....</i>	<i>David Ridenour</i>
<i>Zion Youth &amp; Members.....</i>	<i>Mis Kim</i>
<i>Amber, Curtis, Bryn, Connor, Bret, Melissa &amp; Keelly.....</i>	<i>Barb &amp; Randy Hendershot</i>
<i>Betsy Roulette.....</i>	<i>Beth &amp; Mike Baseler</i>