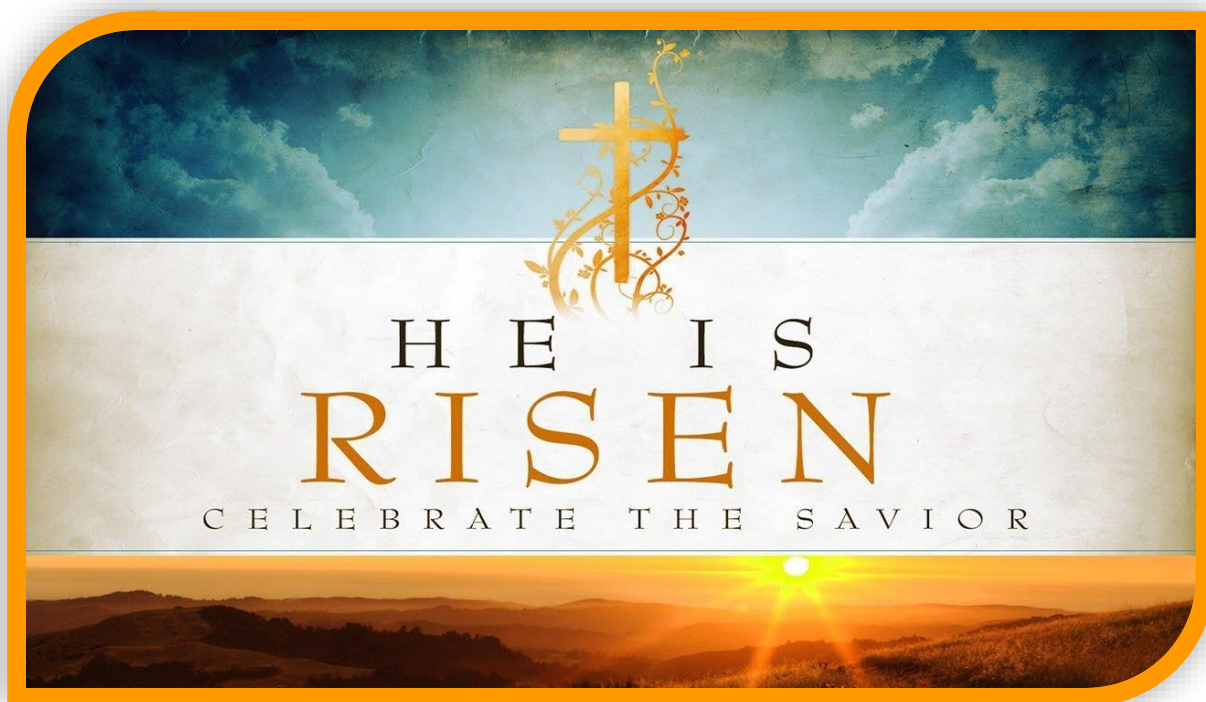


# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023 10:45am

*"Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of The Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"*



**SHINING WITH THE  
GOOD NEWS**



### **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.

Easter Sunday  
Shining With the Good News  
April 9, 2023 ☺ 10:45 A.M.

*Meditation of the Week:* "Love interrupts the consequences of your actions, which is very good news."  
~ Bono ~

***WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD***

*\*All who are able may stand*

**GATHER AROUND THE EASTER CROSS**

Words for Meditation

"Mysteries, Yes!" by Mary Oliver

*Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous  
to be understood.*

*How grass can be nourishing in the  
mouths of the lambs.*

*How rivers and stones are forever  
in allegiance with gravity*

*while we ourselves dream of rising.*

*How two hands touch and the bonds will  
never be broken.*

*How people come, from delight or the  
scars of damage,  
to the comfort of a poem.*

*Let me keep my distance, always, from those  
who think they have the answers.*

*Let me keep company always with those who say  
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.*

Remembering Who We Are

Holy Spirit, you moved over the waters.  
at the dawn of creation

**We remember who we are.**

Jesus Christ, our teacher and friend,  
you called us to follow you, all the way to the cross.

**We remember who we are.**

God are Maker, you gave us the gift of life  
and the chance to grow in your love.

In the emptiness of the tomb, you showed us the beauty of new life.

**We remember**

And now you may share out loud something you have learned about yourself, about God, or someone in  
the community. We ask that you name these things as a celebration of connection to one another.

Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

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# GATHER IN THE SANCTUARY

Gathering Music

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

"Fanfare for Easter Day"

Arr. by Jack H. Ossewaarde

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Community

The tomb is dark, but it is empty!

**The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

Look! The stone has been rolled away

**The one you are looking for has overcome death**

The burial clothes are put aside

**The one you are looking for is alive!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Black #233

Prayer of Easter Promise

Jesus lives! He lives in the hearts and minds of all who love him.

**This is the way we will remember him!**

On the day called Easter, we celebrate the enduring love and wisdom that Jesus showed to the world.

**We will gladly follow in his Way!**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember him as we forgive, and not hold on to hurts.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember him as we give until it makes a difference.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember him as we resist war and all forms of violence.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember him as we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and befriend the lonely.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember his faith in a God who loves, forgives and restores our hope.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember his beliefs for life and for loving.**

Children's Time

Reclaiming Our Alleluias!

\*Hymn

"To You, O God All Creatures Sing"

Black #17 Verse 1

Anthem

"Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb"

Zion Reformed Choir

## ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Lector Carol Mooers

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again, you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

Choral Response

"I Love to Tell the Story"

**I love to tell the story, and when I am in glory  
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love**

Second Reading

John 20:1-18 (*the Message*)

After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move.

The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message."

The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him.

Jesus said, "You're holding on to me for dear life! Don't be frightened like that. Go tell my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, and that I'll meet them there."

The Message

Planting Seeds of Hope

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Low in the Grave He Lay"

Robert Lowry

\*Choral Response

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

Blessing Our Gifts

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

### ***SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION***

Invitation to the Table

\*Hymn of Preparation

"The Strife is O'er"

Black #242

The Story

The Meal

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.**

\*Closing Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

Red #165

\*Sending Forth

Do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this church building.

**We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets, in all the pathways  
and byways of our lives.**

Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –

**We know that Resurrection makes all things new!**

Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit, but go forth and celebrate  
this truly new Good News:

**Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!**

Christ is Risen Indeed!

**Alleluia, alleluia and amen!**

**Postlude:**

"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah."

Frederick Handel

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***

Lector for this week is Carol Mooers, next week is Jean Simmons.  
 Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.  
 Next week ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Becky Owens, Rich Owens.



**Happy Birthday**

David Rhodes	04/09
Randy Hendershot	04/09
Lynda Graves	04/10
Kimberly Ridenour	04/10
Jean Simmons	04/10
Robert Kefauver	04/12

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:**

- 4/10 Search & Call Team 5:30pm
- 4/11 ONA Team Meeting 12:30pm  
 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- 4/13 Thursday Lunch Bunch Study Group 11:30am  
 Staff Meeting 1:00pm  
 Choir Practice 4:00pm  
 4-H Club 4:30pm
- 4/14 In person Meet & Greet with the Pastoral Candidate 5:00-6:00pm
- 4/15 Zoom Meet & Greet with the Pastoral Candidate 1:00-2:00pm  
 Open House in person Meet & Greet with the Pastoral Candidate 2:00-4:00pm
- 4/16 Pastoral Candidate will lead worship service 1100am  
 Congregational vote on the Pastoral Candidate 12:00noon



## Service Credits

April 9

Adapted from [https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2, /](https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/)

**Gathering music:** Were You There? African American Spiritual. Arr. by C. M. Moblard.  
The Day Hath Dawned, the Day of Days.  
The Blessed Christ is Ris'n Today: Al'elujia.  
Today God's Son Triumphs. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1949 by G. Schirmer, Inc.  
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Fanfare for Easter Day. Arr. by Jack H. Osseewaarde. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Red 167). Words by John Westley. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Strife is O'er. Red 173. Tr. From Latin by Francis Pott (1861). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Day of Resurrection Red 165. Composed by Henry Smart (1836). Words by John of Damascus (8<sup>th</sup> century). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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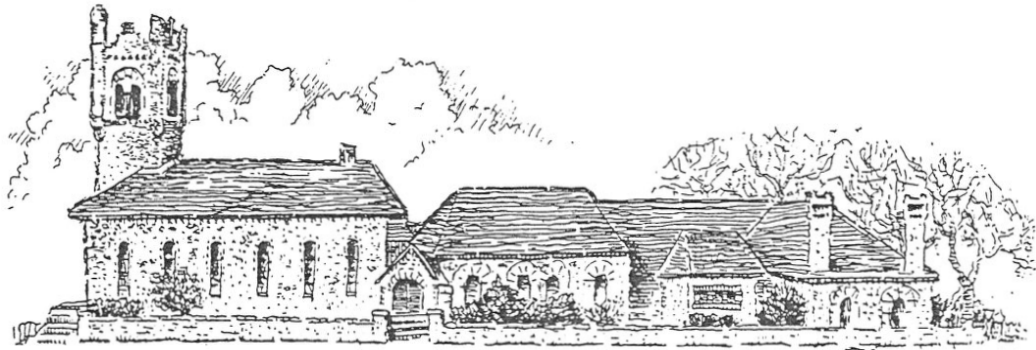
**Choral anthem:** Sing and Shout Praises. Composed by Eric Stover. © 2007 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

**Offertory:** Low in the Grave He Lay. Composed by Robert Lowry (1874). © 1989 by United Methodist Publishing House. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Communion:** Amazing Grace. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2022 by Lorenz Publishing Co.  
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**Postlude:** Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah." Composed by Frederick Handel. © 1954 by Edward B. Marks Music Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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