

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023 11:00am

*“Many of us have at times walked the Emmaus road, wondering where God is...
When all along He walks beside us.” Randy Alcorn*



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.

Meditation of the Week: Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

~Mary Oliver~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now!" J. S. Bach

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra" Dom Paul Benoit

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

Jesus tells us: "For where two or three are gathered In my name, I am there among them."
(Matthew 18:20)

**We need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we need you to travel with us!
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power during this time of worship.**

*Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" Black #243 (tune: Hyfrydol)

Contemporary Reading of Psalm 116

I love the Lord because God hears me when I cry and pray, Yes, God bent God's ear down to me,
and I'll talk about it the rest of my life!

I was caught in a dead end.

The cramp of the grave had a hold on me; pain and trouble kept hurting.

So, I called out loud on the name of the Lord: Lord God, please! Get me out-save my life!

You are full of mercy serving justice to all, but your God compassion overflows!

The Lord God takes loving care of those open to temptation- when I was cut down to size,
God took care of me-

so calm down, fellow; the Lord has given you what was good!

That is true!

You got me out of the dead end.

You have stopped my eyes from filling with tears! You have kept me from walking into ruin-Yes!

What shall I give the Lord God?

God has given me so many wonderful surprises.

I know, I shall toast God with the cup of victory- I will do what I vowed the Lord God I would too, and I'll do it for all of God's people.

**Yes, I will really offer thanksgiving to you!
I will do what I vowed to God,
and I'll do it among the faithful,
near the house of the Lord God,
right in the middle of Jerusalem-
Glory, Hallelujah, Amen!**

~silence is kept~

Children's Time

Anthem

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

Zion Reformed Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector: Missie LaBombard

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of 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

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took

place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Message

Jesus Remembers Us

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!"

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr

Choral Response

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

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**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...**

Blessing Our Gifts

Jesus, God has made you Christ. We pray for your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them. May your victory over death empower all whom you call to trust in God. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn of Preparation

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Black #342

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

"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One"

Black #253

*Sending Forth

Postlude

"Processional"

David Willcocks

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

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. 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 around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Jane Bowen, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Sherry



Hockman, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Michael Jones, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Anthony Martin, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Mackenzie Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, Jeff Shade, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Danny & Julia Springer, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Martha Tallant, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman

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

The lector for this week is Missie LaBombard, next week is Rae Smith.

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.



Happy Birthday

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| Krista Burgan | 04/23 |
| Kenlin Martin | 04/24 |
| Burnie Clutz | 04/26 |
| Michael Heyser | 04/28 |

Upcoming Events:

- 4/24 CE Team Meeting 4:00pm
- 4/25 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- 4/26 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm
Wednesday Night Potluck and Worship Group 6:00pm
- 4/27 Thursday Lunch Bunch 11:30am
Staff Meeting 10:00am
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
Choir Practice 4:00pm
4-H Club 4:30pm
- 4/26 Cinderella Shop 9:30am-12:30pm
- 4/28 Zion Book Club 7:00pm
- 4/30 Installation of Kyle Powderly as Pastor at Christ Reformed UCC in Middletown, MD. 1:00pm
- 5/01 Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 5/02 ONA Team Meeting 12:30pm



*** Sunday May 7th we will be showing the movie "Here I Am" during Sunday School. This will be both in person and Zoom so everyone is invited. More information to come.

Service Credits April 23

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Hymns: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven". Composer Christopher Wordsworth 1872. Tune Hyfrydol.
"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread". Composed by James Montgomery 1825. Tune St. Flavian.
"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One". Composed by Edmond L. Budry 1904, Tune Judas Maccabeus

Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Choral anthem: In My Heart There Rings a Melody. Words and music by Elton M. Roth. © 1924 by E. M. Roth.

Offertory: Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer! Composed by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. © 1981 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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