

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023 11:00am

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” John 14:2-3



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.

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Meditation of the Week: Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.
~Helen Keller~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Messe du 8e ton" Gaspard Corrette

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Tune: Coronation" Oliver Holden

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.

Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. If you know me, you know God.

We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.

Jesus said, Ask me for anything, and I will do it.

Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.

Jesus said Believe in me and Follow me.

Help us to fully believe and to follow you – now and always

*Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" See Insert

Prayers of the People

~silence is kept~

Children's Time

Anthem "Peace In The Valley" Zion Reformed Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Acts 7:55-60
Lector Rae Smith

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

The Message

God's House

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"God of Grace"

John Hughes

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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give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**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

God, bless these gifts, that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children. And bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Black #330

Invitation to the Table

The Story

The Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love, thank you for strengthening us with the Bread of Life. Thank you for forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. Thank you for the gift of New Life. We promise to be the living Body of Christ, nourished by this special meal. We promise to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears and voice to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone. Amen.

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

"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Black #252

*Sending Forth

Prelude to Serve

"Praeludium, und Fuge g-moll"

Nicolas Bruhns

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., Frank Ebersole and family, Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, 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 this week is Rae Smith. The lector next week is Rich Owens.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, TBD.

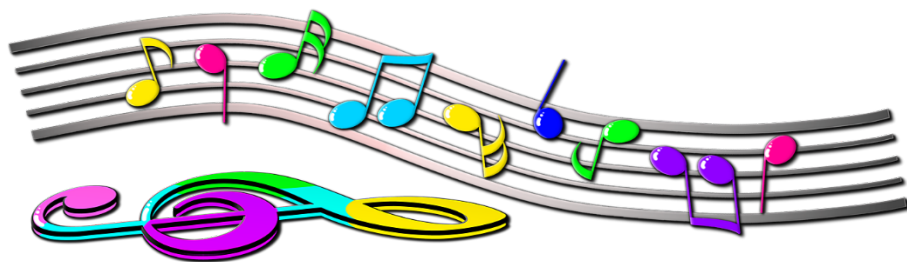


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| Happy Birthday | Danny Springer | 05/07 |
| | Randy Schultz | 05/09 |
| | Marilyn Newlin | 05/11 |
| | Kelly Weicht | 05/13 |

Upcoming Events:

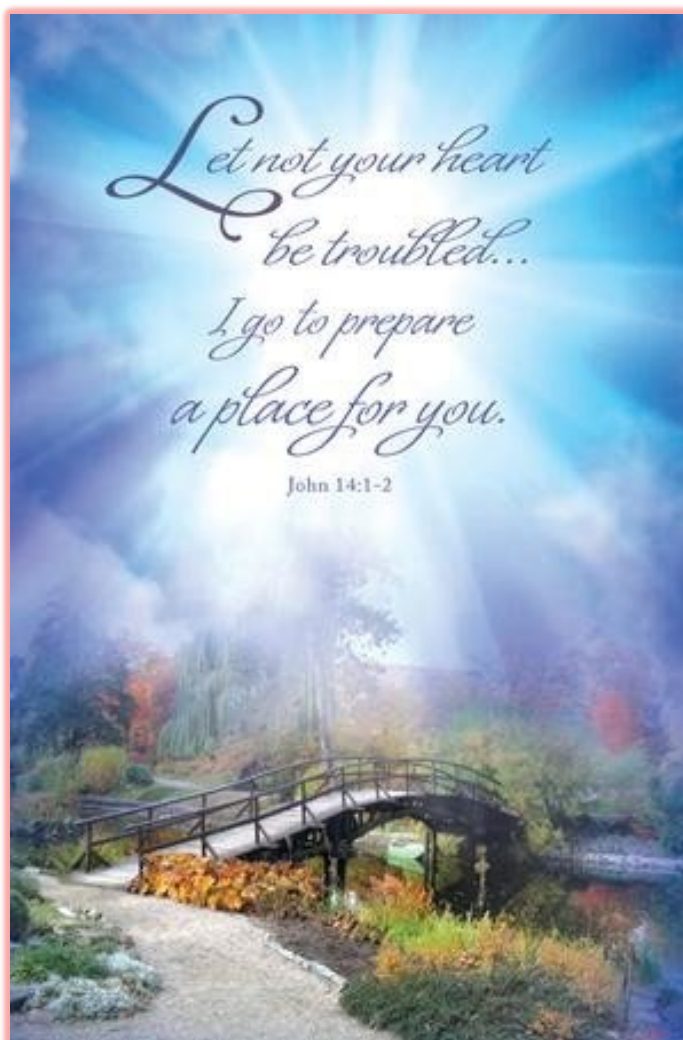
- 5/08 Search & Call Team Meeting 5:30pm
- 5/09 Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC Monthly meeting at Panera's 12:30
Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- 5/10 Wednesday Night Potluck and Worship Group 6:00pm
- 5/11 Thursday Lunch Bunch 11:30am. We will then take a break until May 21 when we will watch "The Shack" with a Potluck Lunch
Choir Practice 4:00pm
4-H Club 4:30pm
- 5/14 Mother's Day
- 5/15 Newsletter Article Deadline
- 5/16 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall





****** Are there any Hymns that you really love? ******

We are planning a Hymn Sing for May 28th. Please submit your requests for a Hymn you would like to sing on the enclosed form and put it in the collection plate or return it to the church office no later than May 21st.



Service Credits
May 7

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2>, /<https://worshipwords.co.uk/all-age-easter-communion-liturgy-ana-gobledale-uk/>

Gathering music: Messe du 8e ton. Composed by Gaspard Corrette. © 1994 by Editions du Triton. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Hymns: How Great Thou Art. Text and Music by Stuart K. Hine. © 1953 by Nanna Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Let Us Break Bread Together. NCH 330. African American Spiritual. Performed C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us. Tune Bradbury. Composed by William B. Bradbury (1859). Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choral anthem: Peace In The Valley. Composed by Thomas A. Dorsey. © 1939 by Thomas A. Dorsey. CCLI number 6310284

Offertory: God of Grace. Composed by John Hughes. Arr. by Paul Manz. © 1974 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 251212

Communion: Panis Angelicus. Composed by Cesar Franck. Arr. by Lani Smith. © 1996 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 2129912

Postlude: Praeludium, und Fuge g-moll. Composed by Nicolas Bruhns. © 1968 by Henry Litolff's Verlag. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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