

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent
11:00 A.M.

“This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds and believe this Good News!”

Mark 1:15



GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Deck thyself, my soul, with Gladness

J S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The roses on the altar celebrate the births of Kelly Lynn Hendershot and Brynley Mellott.

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. Anna Laura Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to be present to God, not to hide.

All: We come to admit our faults, not deny them.

One: We come to lay down the burden of shame.

All: We come to rejoice in forgiveness.

One: We come to acknowledge we are not only children of Adam and Eve,
but also are siblings of Christ.

All: We have come to worship and praise our God of Grace! Amen.

*HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Red #80

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We confess that we listen to voices that are not your voice, Holy God, especially when they tell us what we want to hear. We confess that we prefer to trust our own wishes rather than your wisdom. We confess that we are so out of control that we eat fruit that is not intended for us. Forgive us our immaturity, our pride, and our greed. Teach us, again, to allow your Spirit within us to guide us in wise decisions and faithful behavior.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the Good News! Christ was born, Christ lived, Christ died, Christ rose, Christ reigns and Christ is coming again!

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old life has gone and new life has begun. Thank you, Jesus! Amen.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

I Am A Child of God

Zion Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Calvin Livingston

God then said to Noah and his family, "I hereby establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you—birds, cattle, and the earth's wildlife—everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I hereby establish my covenant with you: All flesh will never again be swept away by the waters of the flood; never again will a flood destroy all the earth." God said, "Here is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature for ageless generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, my bow will appear in the clouds. Then I will remember the covenant that is between me and you and every kind of living creature, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh. Whenever my bow appears in the clouds I will see it, and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all living things on the earth."

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Brother James Air

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Calvin Livingston

It was then that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: "You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests." Immediately the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!"

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN

This is My Father's World

Red #65

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TEACHES US

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Holy and righteous God, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Arr. Dan Miller

*DOXOLOGY

NCH #305, V4

**Then let us adore and render God's right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Loving God, All things come from you.
Thank you for the abundance with which we are surrounded.
We offer these gifts to you, to help us serve as witnesses to the love which Jesus
demonstrated. Receive them, multiply them, and help us use them to build up loving
realities. We yearn to be faith-filled and faith-full followers of Jesus, the Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

NCH #89

*BENEDICTION

May God's peace rest upon us;
May God's great love reach to every heart;
May we always sense God's care among us,
so that we find the good of one another
and never doubt the goodness of God.
Go in peace. Amen

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude as the Acolyte douses the altar candles.



Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack is collecting Peanut Butter in the month of February.

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is in need of 20 cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup. We are also collecting canned Soups and canned Meats during the month of February.

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.

The Coldest Night of the Year or CNOY fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 24 at HCC benefiting REACH of Washington County. This fundraiser which is held all over Canada and in locations in the US is the only CNOY event being held in Maryland. In this family friendly event, walkers sign up to walk one, two, or three laps around the paved perimeter of HCC and solicit pledges of donations from friends and family members.

Support our walkers by going into the CNOY site <https://cnoy.com/donate> and adding funds to the walker(s) of your choice. The Confirmation Class is also walking, if you want to support them (Max, Moly, Ivan, James, Toby) either go into the CNOY link to give or use Zion's Giving Page <https://onrealm.org/ZRUCC/-/form/give/now> and on the website. Select the fund, Coldest Night (REACH) and we will divide and apply your funds evenly among the youth.

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, Holly Bell, Maryann Bohn and Children, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Steve Cavey, Kim & Bill Cook, Courtney and Baby Vera, Diane on the loss of John, Donna France, Brandon Graff, Samantha Graff, Sue Graff, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, **we celebrate the birth of Kelly Lynn Hendershot**, Brian Johnson, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Paul Loveless, Shelly McKee, Joe McLaughlin, Marlin Martin, **we celebrate the birth of Brynley Mellott**, Gloria & John Moats, Heather Morgan, **Margaret Munroe**, Brad Nigh, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, **George Pietsch, Stephanie Resetar**, Liam Reynolds, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **Tina & Rich Robinette**, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Felicity Shafer, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny Springer), Jessica Stark, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, **the family of Louisa Toro**, Tracy Roach Walls.

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

Other Announcements

Easter Flowers

This is the last week to order Lillies, Tulips and Hyacinths for Easter.

You have the opportunity to donate for the Easter Cross to honor and remember your loved ones until March 17th.

See the order form in this week's bulletin.

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

Come on Wednesday nights to enjoy devotional and a potluck meal (bring what you like). We will be studying **Bend Lent Devotional**. Following the devotional, we will share in a potluck meal and fellowship.

Annual Reports and Congregational Meeting, The Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, February 25th following our morning worship service. Zion will be providing chicken and drinks, bring your favorite side or dessert to share. There is a signup sheet on the table in the chapel and also in the Friday What's Happening email.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Calvin Livingston. The lector next week is Carol Mooers.
Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.
Next week's ushers are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Mark Bagby. Middle Door – TBD.
Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

- 2/18 Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 2/20 Staff Meeting 12:00 pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 2/21 Wednesday Devotional and Potluck *Lectio Divina* 6:00pm
- 2/22 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 2/23 Zion Book Club 7:00pm
- 2/24 Coldest Night of the Year Walk – Meet at HCC 5:00pm
- 2/25 Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch following Sunday Service

Birthdays

- 2/20 Linda Cantilena
- 2/21 William Wantz



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Gathering Music: Deck thyself, my soul, with Gladness. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: How Firm a Foundation. From Genuine Church Music (1832). Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 1990 by Van Ness Press, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 7205212

Hymns: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah. Red 80. Tune: CXWM Rhondda. Composed by John Hughes (1907). Words by William Williams (Welch) (1745). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

This is My Father's World. Red 65. Tune: Terra Patris. Composed by Franklin L. Shephard (1915). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Awake, Awake to Love and Work. NCH 89. Tune: Morning Song. Kentucky Harmony (1816). Words by Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy (1921). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: Brother James Air. Composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain. Arr. by Gordon Jacob. © 1934 by Oxford University Press. CCLI number 3570209

Offertory: Amazing Grace. Arr. by Dan Miller. © 2017 by Dan Miller. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Fantasy-Toccata on Foundation. Early American Melody. Arr. by Alice Jordon. © 1976 by Broadman Press. Performed by 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.*



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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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