

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent
11:00 A.M.



I have told you this so that my joy be in you and that your joy may be complete.
John 15:11

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Sunshine in My Soul
Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

John R. Sweney
Charles H. Gabriel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a prayer you desire lifted in worship please write it on a Pew Prayer Card and put it in the offering plate.

PRELUDE

In Thee is Joy

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

All: Let the design of your great love shine on us and your troubled world and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homed, and peace in our hearts; through your Child, Jesus Christ

One: Let us worship our God and give thanksfor the Prince of Peace.

All: Amen

***HYMN**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

NCH #403

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God our Liberator, we live in a world where so many are not free: kept in poverty, forced to labor, bound to economics that devalue and demean. Break the chains that hold your people where bodies suffer and minds are locked. Guide us to joy beyond our imagining. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

I've Got Peace Like a River

NCH #478 (verse 2)

**I've got joy Like a fountain,
I've got joy Like a fountain,
I've got joy Like a fountain, in my soul
I've got joy Like a fountain,
I've got joy Like a fountain,
I've got joy Like a fountain, in my soul**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17 NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Climbing Jacob Ladder

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-22 NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

***HYMN**

Blessed be the Tie That Binds

NCH #393

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

My Heart is Filled

J. S. Bach

***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)

**God, you pour out an abundance of goodness.
Receive the gifts we offer back to you today.
Bless them and bless us,
that we will give generously,
love boldly, and share widely,
our offering reflects your joyful gift.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Rejoice with full hearts.

All: We offer them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: God, there is no time, no place
where you are not present,
and there is no time, no place
where we should not practice the joy of praising you:
even here, even now, in our ordinary lives.

God, our ancestors knew the long road toward joy.
Noah saw your rainbow after a devastating flood.
Sarah and Abraham found hope for their future
in a covenant promise.
Moses cradled your law in his arms
and the Israelites found wilderness life
where they should have died.
The prophets read your faithfulness
traced indelibly on their hearts.

Your love sent us Jesus
and his persistent, irrational joy:
dripping with the Jordan's baptismal flood,
teaching in the crowd's beating heart,
tossing the tables of empire and profit,
falling like a seed into warm dark soil
as he offered his life for us all.

On the last night of his life, as evening fell,
Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends.
He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying,
This is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the meal had ended, the shadows closing in,
Jesus took the cup, blessed it,
and invited everyone to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the heart of fear and pain,
God plants the seed of our joy:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup,
Christ's body and blood,
the food that gives us the strength to persist
until joy appears.
Send your Spirit upon us
and fortify us to be your body, too,
a wellspring of hope for a world in need.
All glory, power, and honor are yours,
God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy,
today and every day. **Amen.**

Communion

*The Light of the World is Jesus
It Is Well With My Soul*

Philip P. Bliss
Philip P. Bliss

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite you to come forward for intinction. As you face the table the tray on your left is wine and the tray on your right is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. If you would like to be served in your seat, please raise your hand so that an usher or server can see you.

***HYMN**

God the Omnipotent

Red #405

BENEDICTION

Practice joy.
As you leave this place,
go with the joy that liberates from everything that binds.



POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

Please remain seated until the

Altar candles are doused.



Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack is collecting Pudding and Jello packs in the month of March.

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Hygiene products, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Razors, Toilet Paper, etc. during the month of March.

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

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

Other Announcements

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate for the Easter Cross to honor and remember your loved ones, you have 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.

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 6-9 and Saturday, April 6th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will send out more details about this event. Please join us!!

Good Friday Unity Walk – March 29th

Friday March 29th 1:00 – 2:30pm – Hagerstown City Park

Join us for HARC's annual ecumenical Good Friday Unity Walk in memory of Christ's passion and death. Walk begins in the gazebo adjacent to the Museum parking lot and ends at the "grotto." There will be 7 stops with scripture readings and meditations, and call-and-response songs between the stops. A stationary (no-walk) option will also be available at the gazebo. Questions? Contact Kathy at 301-842-4272 or director@harccoalition.org. *Flyer*

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Jean Simmon. The lector next week is Missie LaBombard.

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 – TBD. 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.

- 3/4 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 3/5 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 3/6 Wednesday Devotional **Seed of Joy** and Potluck 6:00pm This week *Embodied Prayer*
- 3/7 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 3/9 Easy-size Class 9:00am
Cinderella Shop 9:30am – 12:30pm

Birthdays

Page Wise	3/3
Billie Keller	3/5
Tina Shafer	3/7
Christian Grosh	3/8

of Passion Week, representing the Cross of the Crucifixion. On Easter morning, as a symbol of the Resurrection, it will bloom with Spring flowers.

Those who wish to be a part of this tradition are invited to sponsor flowers on the cross. Flowers may be contributed in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone dear. The names of those honored will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

If you are interested in donating flowers, please complete this form, and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Sunday, March 17, 2024.



Easter Cross Flowers

Please check one

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Amount Contributed: \$ _____

Please submit payment with your request. Make checks payable to Zion Reformed UCC and clearly marked "Easter Cross".

Service of Installation for the Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette



The Catoctin Association, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ and Zion Reformed United Church of Christ cordially invite your presence and prayers for the installation of the Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette at Zion Reformed UCC.

*Sunday, March 17, 2024
2:00 PM*

*Zion Reformed UCC
201 N. Potomac St
Hagerstown, MD 21740*

please come

There will be a light reception following. Clergy, please vest with red. RSVP to zionrucc@myactv.net

With the Central Atlantic Conference and the Catoctin Association we will celebrate the Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette's installation as Zion's settled pastor. The worship service will be held on March 17th at 2:00pm.

Please let Carol Mooers know if you can help with the reception.



*Barb & Charley Ware
Zions newest members*

*Peggy Lowman
Recipient of this years
Volunteer of the Year Award*



*Coldest Night of the Year
Zion's Walking Team*

Service Credits
March 3
CCLI Number: 6212519

Gathering music: Sunshine in My Soul. Tune: Sunshine. Composed by John R. Sweney. Arr. by Mark Hayes.

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart. Tune: McDaniel. Composed by Charles H. Gabriel. Arr. by Mark Hayes. Both © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: In Thee is Joy. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less. NCH 403. Tune: Solid Rock. Composed by William Bradbury (1863). Words by Edward Mote (1834). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

God the Omnipotent! Red 405. Tune: Russian Hymn. Composed by Alexis L. Woff (1833). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken. NCH 307. Tune: Austrian Hymn. Composed by Franz Joseph Haydn (1797). Words by John Newton (1779). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder. African American Spiritual. Arr. by Patti Drennan. © 2020 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

Offertory: My Heart is Filled. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: The Light of the World is Jesus. Composed by Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by Mark Hayes.

It is Well with My Soul. Composed by Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by Mark Hayes. Both © 2016 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 3289284

Postlude: Toccata. Composed by Eugene Gigout © J. F. & B (Paris). 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.*



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



To Give Electronically

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