

# Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
11:00 A.M.



Transformative  
Joy

*"Joy is the transformation of our suffering, not the escape of all we have to face" Mark Nepo*

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Partita on "O God, Thou Faithful God"*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you would like a prayer lifted up during worship, please complete a Pew Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Sydney H. Nicholson

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God; at times of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**All: *God is a hiding place for us; preserves us from trouble; surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.***

One: God will instruct us and teach us the ways we should go.

**All: *Be glad and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.***

One: Let us worship God!

**All: *Amen.***

## \*HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign*

NCH #300

**PRAYER OF HOPE** (in unison)

***God of mercy and might,  
you have come to us in the mercy and love of Jesus  
to guide us and feed us and open us to your grace.  
But we confess that we are weak and anxious,  
pilgrims who have lost our way and forgotten your promise.  
Strong deliverer, come to us this day, and this season.  
Hold us, heal us, lead us.  
Renew in us now the sheer silence of your Spirit.  
Be our strength and our shield,  
and refresh us on our weary way.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

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and refresh us on our weary way.  
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*Silence for personal prayer*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: When we are discouraged, God gives us hope.

**All: *When we are anxious, God gives us peace.***

One: When we are confused, God gives us understanding.

**All: *When we are sorry, God gives us pardon.***

### **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  
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### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 107:1-2; 17-22 NRSV

Lector: Missie LaBombard

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;  
they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;  
he sent out his word and healed them,

and delivered them from destruction.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **WORD FOR CHILDREN**

### **ANTHEM**

Zion Choir

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 3:14-21 NRSV

Lector: Missie LaBombard

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

### **\*HYMN**

*Precious Lord*

NCH #472

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

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.**

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

## All: 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.**

### \*HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

NCH #198

### BENEDICTION

One: I pray that out of Love's glorious treasures you may be strengthened with power in your inner being,

**All: May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.**

One: And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –

**All: May we be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Ritornello on "Come, Thou Almighty King."*

Felice de Giardini

**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 in need of Empty Egg Cartons. We are also 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.

*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*

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:director@harccoalition.org). *Flyer*

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Missie LaBombard. The lector next week is Carol Mooers.  
Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.  
Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.  
Greeters for this week are: Front Door – TBD. 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.

- 3/10 ONA Fellowship 12:00pm in The Burhans Room  
Dinner Theater rehearsal 12:30pm  
Sky Zone Trampoline Park Youth Trip 1:30pm
- 3/12 Staff Meeting 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 3/13 Wednesday Devotional ***Seed of Joy*** and Potluck 6:00pm This week *Embodied Prayer*
- 3/14 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 3/15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 3/16 Cinderella Shop 9:30am – 12:30pm

### Birthdays

Julia Patterson	3/11
Christine Coleman	3/14
Brooks Heyser	3/16

## *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](mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net)*

**Service Credits**  
**March 10**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

**Gathering music:** Partita on "O God, Thou Faithful God. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Lift High the Cross. Composed by Sydney H. Nicholson. Arr. by David M. Cherwien © 1974 by Hope Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Jesus Shall Reign. NCH 300. Tune: Duke Street. Composed by John Hatton. Words by Isaac Watts (1719). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand. NCH 472. Composed by Thomas. A. Dorsey (1932). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lift High the Cross. NCH 198. Tune: Crucifer. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916). Words by George William Kitchin. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

**Choir Anthem:** My Savior Shall Supply My Need. Traditional American Hymn tune. Arr. by Virgil Thomson. © 1947 by H. W. Gray Co.

**Offertory:** Christ lag in Todesbanden. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Ritornello on "Come, Thou Almighty King." Tune: Italian Hymn. Composed by Felice de Giardini. © 2022 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and 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



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