

# Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent -11:00 A.M.



Giant's Causeway, North Antrim, Northern Ireland

*“May Jesus be with you wherever you go, and your Blessing outnumber the shamrocks that grow.”*

## **GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS**

*Traditional Irish Folk Songs.*

Arr. C. M. Moblard

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PRELUDE**

*Nocturne in E Flat Major*

Irish Composer John Field

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather before God,  
knowing that our God is the God of all.  
The God of peace does not belong to one or the other.  
In God we all find belonging.

**All: In God we all find belonging.**

One: So come, let us find a new way to be together.  
Without fear. Without threat.  
With love and mercy. With justice and peace.  
Let us worship our God together.

**All: Let us worship our God together.**

**PRAYER OF HOPE** (in unison)

Greenly God, we recall our day yesterday.  
May we learn, may we love, may we live on.  
We make room for the unexpected.  
May we find wisdom and life in the unexpected.  
Help us to embrace possibility, respond graciously to disappointment,  
and hold tenderly those we encounter.  
Help us be fully present to the day.

We pray for those whose days will be difficult.  
May we support, may we listen, may we change  
We resolve to live life in its fullness:  
We will welcome the people who'll be part of this day.  
We will greet God in ordinary and hidden moments.  
We will live the life we are living.

May we find the wisdom we need,  
God be with us.  
May we hear the needs of those we meet,  
God be with us.  
May we love the life we are given.  
God be with us.

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

(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**

**POETRY**

At Blackwater Pond by Mary Oliver

At Blackwater Pond the tossed waters have settled  
after a night of rain.  
I dip my cupped hands. I drink  
a long time. It tastes  
like stone, leaves, fire. It falls cold  
into my body, waking the bones. I hear them  
deep inside me, whispering  
oh what is that beautiful thing  
that just happened?

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Rae Smith

**ANTHEM**

Zion Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV

Lector: Carol Mooers

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN***Wade in the Water*

(see insert)

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS****CALL TO THE OFFERING**

All that we have is a gift from God: life in the Spirit before we are born, life on earth, life in the Spirit after we leave this earth. What we give represents only morsels of what God has given us; but we give them with hope and we ask that God grow the morsels into mission, just as God grows us into disciples of Christ. Open your hands with gratitude and generosity.

**OFFERTORY***Rhosymedre*

J. D. Edwards

**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.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

One: Thank you Holy One, for all the great things you have done for us. We rejoice in your generosity and in your abundant love for us. Equip us to love abundantly in return and to daily rejoice in love given and received.

**All: Gather us in, oh God. Gather us in.**

One: We acknowledge your delight in us. May we delight also in you and relax into the safety of your embracing presence and savor the pleasure of your smile.

**All: Gather us in, oh God. Gather us in.**

One: When times are tough fill us with your Holy Spirit and enable us to keep our hearts up, to be expectant of and prepared to see wonderful things.

**All: Gather us in, oh God. Gather us in.**

One: When we emerge from times of trouble and stress grant us renewed energy, joy and laughter

**All: Gather us in, oh God. Gather us in.**

One: God, help us to move on from the past, to live in the present, open to the potential of the future as we focus on You and your will for us and our community.

**All: Gather us in, oh God. Gather us in.**

*Desney Cromeey of the Corrymeela Community*

**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**

*The God of Abraham Praise*

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**BENEDICTION**

Written by St. Patrick

May your days be many, and your troubles be few.  
May all God's blessings descend upon you.  
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.  
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.  
May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.  
May thy Salvation, O Love, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.

**Please remain seated until the Altar candles are doused.**

Many elements of this liturgy are from the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland.

**If you cannot attend Rev, Scotts Installation Service this afternoon please log back into our Zoom access to watch on-line.**

## Outreach and Service Opportunities

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

**Our Tuesday Night Ministry** needs **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.

## 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, **Family of Mickey Brackett (brother-in-law of Naomi), Naomi Brackett**, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Steve Cavey, 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, Elwood Hauver, **Jane Hershey, Lyn Hoffmaster**, Brian Johnson, Dee Krause, **Jerri Livingston (mother of Angel Livingston), Brenda Lohman, Family of Richard Lohman (husband of Susan Lohman)**, Marlin Martin, Gloria & John Moats, Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, **John Ridenour**, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Daisy Schlotterbeck, 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

Today is the **last day** to donate flowers for the Easter Cross in honor of and in memory of your loved ones. See the order form in today'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 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. 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 Carol Mooers. 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 Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Becky Hohman. Middle Door – Susan Clutz.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

### 3/17 **Installation of the Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette as our Settled Pastor 2:00pm**

There will be no Dinner Theater rehearsal today

3/19 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)

3/20 Wednesday Devotional **Seed of Joy** and Potluck 6:00pm This week *Vocational Prayer*

3/21 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

3/22 Zion Book Club 7:00pm at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck

3/23 Cinderella Shop 9:30am – 12:30pm

3/24 Put up Easter Cross after Worship Service

### Birthdays

Calvin Livingston 3/23

### Anniversaries

John & Barara Schnebly 3/22

**Service Credits**  
**March 17**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

**Gathering Music:** Traditional Irish Folk Songs. Arr. for organ by C. M. Moblard. © 1987 by Hal Leonard Publishing Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Nocturne in E Flat Major. Composed by John Field (Irish composer). © 1999 by Universal Edition. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** Crown With Your Richest Crowns. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George J. Elvey (1868). Words by Matthew Bridges (1851) and Godfrey Thring (1874). Adapt. By Thomas H. Troger (1993). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Wade in the Water* African American Spiritual (see insert)  
Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.


The God of Abraham Praise. NCH 24. Tune: Leoni. Traditional Yigdal melody (12th century). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

**Choir Anthem:**

**Offertory:** Rhosymedre. Composed by J. D. Edwards. Arr. by Vaughan Williams. © 1920 by Stainer & Bell Ltd. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number 7069507

**Postlude:** Ashokan Farewell. Composed by Jay Ungar. © 1983 by Swinging Door Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



*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@myuctw.net](mailto:zionrucc@myuctw.net)*

## 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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