

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday -11:00 A.M.



Hosanna!

*Through Love, all that is bitter will be sweet,
Through Love all that is copper will be gold,
Through Love, all dregs will become wine,
through Love all pain will turn to
medicine.*

*Through Love, the dead will all become
alive.*

*Through Love, the king will turn into a
slave.*

Love is the Master.

*Love is the One who masters all things;
I am mastered totally by Love.*

13th century Sufi poet, Rumi

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Praeludium in E Flat Major

J S Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule, Easter Service at the Cross 10:45

Pew Prayer Card

Installation Gratitude

PRELUDE

Royal Procession on All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Melchoir Teschner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One:	Jesus is coming
All:	shout hosanna
One:	he's riding on a donkey
All:	shout hosanna
One:	open the gates
All:	shout hosanna
One:	open the ancient doors
All:	shout hosanna
One:	don't be afraid
All:	shout hosanna
One:	wave the branches
All:	shout hosanna
One:	spread out your coats
All:	shout hosanna
One:	peace in heaven
All:	shout hosanna
One:	glory in highest heaven
All:	shout hosanna

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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PRAYER OF HOPE

Going up to Jerusalem John Harvey of the Wild Goose Worship Group

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So, we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, and the timidity of our following: forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the Beloved Community of Jesus.

KYRIE

Claire-Marie Moblard

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, there is Good News even in bad times.

All: ***Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.***

CHORAL RESPONSE



SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:14-29 Interpretation of Nan Merrill

Lector: Rick Waters

I give thanks to You, O Beloved,
Who answer our prayers and invite us to new Life.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the foundation of our lives.
This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
We welcome You into our hearts as Loving Companion Presence!
Blessed are all who enter through your gates!
Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love!
For You lead the Way,
You forgive our misguided ways, and You bring Light into darkness.
Come, all you who will, partake of the Great Banquet!

You are my Beloved, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my Beloved, greatly will I praise You!

We give thanks to You, O Blessed One, for You are kind; your steadfast
Love endures forever!

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

From Psalms for Praying © 2007 Nan C. Merrill

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM*This Little Palm of Mine*

Words by Barb Hendershot

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Video – The Holy City

Dame Vera Lynn

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rick Waters

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with this instruction: "Go to the village straight ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tethered there a colt on which no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it back. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it, but will send it back very soon.'" So they went off, and finding a colt tethered out on the street near a gate, they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What do you mean by untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them take it. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks across its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And everyone around Jesus, in front or in back of him, cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple precincts. He inspected everything there, but since it was already late in the afternoon, he went out to Bethany accompanied by the Twelve.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM*Outside the Holy City*

George C Martin

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

HYMNRide On! Ride On in Majesty*

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

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on,
they waved palm branches, honoring your presence.
Today we honor you, Jesus,
with our faithful tithes and offerings.
We lay these gifts before you,
humble tokens of our love. Amen.

OFFERTORY*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

George J. Elvey

DOXOLOGY*CH #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)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Love. Blessed are the gifts that are received in Christ's name. We come before you, O God, with the many blessings, that you have bestowed upon us. Accept them as in Christ you accept us. Use what we bring, so that others can shout, "Hosanna, Christ Helps!" Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER 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

I Danced in the Morning

(see insert)

BENEDICTION

One: As we go now to our daily living, may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:
All: *as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;*
One: as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;
All: *as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts filled with joy.*
One: So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!
All: *Amen!*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Flat Major

J S Bach

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 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special mission offering that is received annually during Lent by the UCC congregations. Its purpose is to provide a ministry of support and recovery for those who are affected by natural disaster, relentless violence, or pervasive poverty around the world and in the US.

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, **Koda Bell**, 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, **Brenda Lohman**, **the Family of Marlin Martin (LoriBeth Martins father-in-law)**, 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, **Byron Stay**, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

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

Other Announcements

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck

There will be no devotional this week. We will meet again on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00pm in the Chapel when we will resume our weekly gatherings and continue with our video series on Gratitude. Come and join us for an insightful devotional followed by a potluck meal (bring what you like) 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 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 Rick Waters. The lector next week is Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, TBD.

Next week's ushers are. Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Megan Shroyer. 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.

3/24 Dinner Theater rehearsal 12:30pm

3/26 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

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

3/27 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm

3/28 Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm

No 4-H Club Meeting

Choir Practice 5:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service at Christ Reformed 7:00pm

3/29 HARC Cross Walk at City Park 1:00pm

3/30 Cinderella Shop 9:30am – 12:30pm

Decorate Easter Cross 4:00pm

Service Credits
March 24
CCLI Number: 6212519

- Gathering music:** Praeludium in E Flat Major. Composed by J. S. Bach. Ó 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Prelude:** Royal Procession on All Glory, Laud, and Honor. Composed by Melchoir Teschner. Arr. by Dan Miller. Ó1999 by MorningStar Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Hymns:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna. NCH 213. Tune: Ellacombe. Words by Jennette Threlfall. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Ride On! Ride On in Majesty. NCH 215. Tune: St. Drostan. Composed by John Dykes (1862). Words by Henry H. Milman (1827). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- I Danced in the Morning. Tune: Simple Gifts.
- Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).
- Choir Anthem:** Outside the Holy City . Composed by George C. Martin. Words by James Gordon Gilkey.
- Offertory:** Crown Him with Many Crowns. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George J. Elvey. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. Ó 2017 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7086339
- Postlude:** Fugue in E Flat Major. Composed by J. S. Bach. Ó 1940 by G. Schirmer. 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

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To Give Electronically





The Palms

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth live to teach His right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings hope and faith to thee forevermore.

Refrain:

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!



Lord Of The Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

IT'S TIME TO SHARE THE LIGHT

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.
Matthew 5: 14 (MSG)

One Great
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OF SHARING



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SHARE THE LIGHT

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*"Let me tell you why you are here.....You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...Keep open house; be generous with your lives."
(Matthew 5:13-16, The Message)*

Dear partners in ministry,

I love Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of these verses in Matthew 5, and the clear commission they give to show up brightly in the world and be generous with our lives. That is the invitation extended in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing theme, Share the Light.

The scriptures tell us that huge crowds were gathering, drawn to Jesus by his teachings and the miracles of healing he performed. So, Jesus climbed a hill, and delivered his "sermon on the mount" to an audience captivated by his message and ways. He offered them blessings, affirming them in ways probably no one had before.



Then he described a life of discipleship characterized by prayer, humility, love of one's enemies, and a steady practice of being 'salt and light,' generously sharing the goodness of God in all the world.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a beautiful opportunity to do just that. When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. We offer hope to people forced to flee their homes in search of safety and new promise.