

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024

*"Where there is hatred,
let me sow Love."*

St Francis of Assisi



GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Allegro from Sonata N. 10 OP 14 N. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When In Our Music, God Is Glorified

C V Stanford

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I thank You God

**All: For this most amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirit of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes**

e. e. cummings

* HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven Voices Raise

Red #174

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of manifold blessings, source of all that is good and true and holy, raise us up to see the world through your eyes so that we may treasure each blessed creature alive with your Spirit and touched by your creative hand; and may the blessing of this wonderful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be upon us now and forever, Amen.

St. Athanasius

*CHORAL RESPONSE

If You Believe and I Believe

(see insert)

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Peace is an Offering
Words by Annette LeBox and Pictures by Stephanie Graegin

SCRIPTURE Psalm 4 *Interpretation from Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill*

Lector: Amber Nilson

Answer me when I call, O beloved of my heart!
You enveloped me in Love when I was in dire distress.
Be gracious to me now; hear my prayer!

O friends, how long will my reputation suffer shame?
How long will you listen to false words?
I seek only what is life-giving.

You know that the Beloved dwells with all who are filled with love;
Love hears when our hearts cry out.
Though you may feel angry, do not give in to fear;
Commune with the Heart of your heart as you rest; be in silence.
Bask in the stillness.
Face your fears with forgiveness and trust in Love.

There are many who say, "Grant us special favours, O Mighty One!
Bestow upon us you grace that we may prosper!"
Love has brought more joy to my heart
than they have when their banks are filled.
In peace I will spend my days and sleep at night;
For You alone, my Beloved,
teach me the way of Love!

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Zion Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36b-48

Lector: Amber Nilson

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Scott Winnette

***HYMN**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

NCH #252

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Holy One help us to be generous givers both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in our homes. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ who loved with all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen

OFFERTORY

When Morning Gilds The Skies

Joseph Barnby

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, you long to say to each of us, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased." Open us to the power of your Spirit making us all that you have created us to be. Use us and these gifts to shed the light of your love on all we meet in the days to come.

Amen.

***HYMN**

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Red #185

***BENEDICTION**

One: We are Easter people who live in love and joy with all. As God sent Jesus into the world, so now Jesus sends us to witness and forgive.

All: The Spirit is opening our eyes to the truth and teaching us to be faithful, believing people.

One: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

All: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty One. We trust God in the future as we have in the past. Amen.

POSTLUDE

He is Risen! Glorious World!

Phillip Nicolai

Please remain seated until the Altar candles are doused.

If You Believe and I Believe 127

G C D7 G C D G

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth - er pray,

C D7 G C D G

the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free,

Bm Am D Am G

and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free;

D7 G C D7 G C D7 G

the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack is collecting Juice boxes in the month of April.

Our Tuesday Night Ministry needs **Empty Egg Cartons**. We are also collecting Cereal – boxes and individual servings.

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, Koda Bell, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Bryan Jones, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, Brandon Graff, Michael Graff, Sr., Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, David Lee Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Elwood Hauver, Family of Jane Hershey (Mother of Kristin Grosh and Todd Hershey), Lyn Hoffmaster, **Brian Johnson**, Kamry, Dee Krause, **Missie LaBombard**, Jerri Livingston, Susan Lohman, Peggy Lowman, **Teresa Moates**, Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Jose Rodriquez, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz.

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

Other Announcements

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck

Wednesday Night Study and Potluck. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Chapel when we will continue with our video series on Gratitude. Come and join us for a potluck meal (bring what you like), devotion and fellowship.

Service of Installation for the Rev. Katie Penick

The Catocin Association, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ and Trinity United Church of Christ in Manchester cordially invite your presence and prayers to the Service of Installation for Rev. Katie Penick as pastor to the congregation. **Sunday, April 21, 2024 2:00 PM at Trinity UCC, 3229 York Street Manchester, MD 21102**

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Amber Nilson. The lector next week is Barb Hendershot. 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 – TBD. Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

- 4/14 ONA Fellowship 12:30pm after the service
- 4/15 Articles for May Newsletter Deadline
- 4/16 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 4/17 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm
- 4/18 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm

During our **Visioning Event**, we learned many things about ourselves. One is that we think food is a great instrument of hospitality. More on that later, but for now, let's provide fellowship food in the Chapel. Please sign-up to bring a snack for a Sunday or more.

Birthdays

- 4/17 Sally Stewart

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
April 14

Gathering music: Allegro from Sonata n. 10, Op. 14 N. 2. Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven. Ó 1977 by Edizioni Curci S. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: When, in Our Music, God is Glorified. Composed by Charles V. Stanford. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. Ó 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI Number: 7204647

Hymns: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven Voices Raise. Red 174. Composed by Roland Hugh Prichard. Words by Christopher Wordsworth. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

(N.B. This hymn is also in NCH but with a different melody).

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. Red 185. Tune: Miles Lane. Composed by William Shrubsole (1785). Words by Edward Perbonet (1785). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us. NCH 252. Tune: Bradbury. Composed by William B. Bradbury (1859). Words by Dorothy A. Thrupp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: Great is Thy Faithfulness.

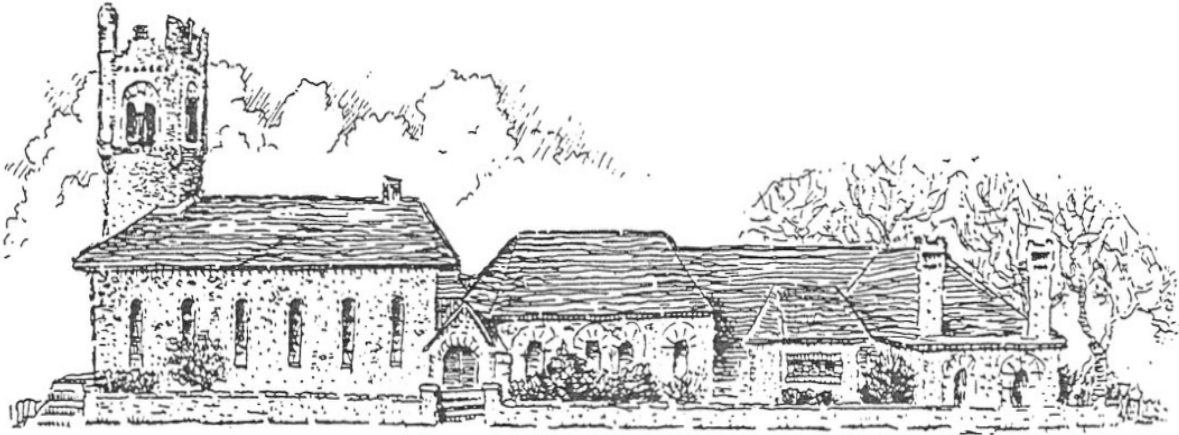
Offertory: When Morning Gilds the Skies. Composed by Joseph Barnby. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. Ó 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI Number: 6050582

Postlude: He is Risen! Glorious Word! Composed by Philipp Nicolai. Ó 1991 by Summa productions. 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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