

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday May 12, 2024 11:00am



“A
first friend, your best friend, your forever friend.”

mother is your
Amit Kalantri

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS *Kinderszenen (Scenes of Childhood), Op. 15* Robert Schumann

PRESENTATION OF OUR COMMON LIFE

We welcome those joining us physically and online.
Announcement by Miss Kim

PRELUDE *La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin (The Girl with the Flaxen Hair)* Claude Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hungry for meaning?

All: Welcome home.

One: Thirsty for purpose?

All: Welcome home.

One: Yearning for comfort?

All: Welcome home.

One: Burning for challenge?

All: Welcome home.

One: Ready for learning?

All: Welcome home.

One: Eager for serving?

All: Welcome home.

One: And welcome to worship at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ.

All: Amen!

PRAYER OF HOPE

One: Sometimes we come sure of ourselves and comfortable with the lessons of our past; sometimes we come confused and wanting to forget. But confused or sure, we confess:

**All: God is solid as rock
God is strong as earth.
God is as safe as loving arms.**

One: Sometimes we come here filled with health and strength; sometimes welcome ill or weak. But weak or strong, healthy or ill, we affirm:

**All: God is solid as rock
God is strong as earth.
God is as safe as loving arms.**

One: Sometimes we come feeling loved and cherished; sometimes we come lonely and afraid. But lonely or loved, we celebrate:

**All: God is solid as rock
God is strong as earth.
God is as safe as loving arms. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Would be True

Red #448

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1 NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

Let us prepare our souls to receive the sacredness of scripture.

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law, they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Harry Wheaton Howard

WORD FOR CHILDREN

“Dear Mama God”

Written by Daneen Akers, Illustrated by Gillian Gamble

Let us prepare our souls to receive the sacredness of scripture.

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
 all you who love her;
 Exult, exult with her,
 all you who were mourning over her!
 Oh, that you may suckle fully
 of the milk of her comfort,
 that you may nurse with delight
 at her abundant breasts!”
 For thus says YHWH:
 “I will spread peace over her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations
 like an overflowing torrent.
 As nurslings, you will be carried in her arms,
 and fondled in her lap;
 as a mother comforts her child so will I comfort you;
 in Jerusalem you will find your comfort.” When you see this, your heart will
 rejoice,
 and your bodies will flourish like the grass.
 God’s faithful ones
 will see the power of YHWH,
 but God’s enemies
 will know heaven’s wrath.
 One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Mother’s Comfort

*HYMN

Sing a New World into Being

Sung to ODE TO JOY, NCH #4

Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.
 Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.
 Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
 Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.

Sing a new world into being, where each gender class and race.
 Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God’s limitless embrace.
 Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
 Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.
 Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God’s shalom.
 Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
 Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being, Join the ancient prophets’ cry.
 For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.
 When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
 Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever.
Amen.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We rejoice and are glad. Our giving reflects our gratitude. Welcome our responses of praise and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY:

By the Waters of Babylon

J. S. Bach

*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)

Oh Dear One, may these scraps of paper and bits of metal serve as symbols of our deep desire for your Love to transform our time, effort, and substance into works of creative compassion for each other, for our wider community, and for the world beyond, through this church. So may it be, Amen.

*HYMN

We Would be Building Temples Still Undone

NCH #607

*BENEDICTION

May the peace of God surround you
Like the trees of the forest
May the peace of God warm you all over
Like the sun in the sky
May the peace of God swell and roll over you
Like a wave in the sea
May the peace of God fill you
Like the cool wind
May the peace of God be with you. Go in peace. Amen.

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack is collecting Granola Bars in the month of May.

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Laundry Pods, Baby Wipes, and Pancake Mix in the month of May.

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, John Bartley, 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, **Beth Hauver**, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster, Brian Johnson, Kamry, Dee Krause, **Barry Landis**, Missie LaBombard, Jerri Livingston, Brenda Lohman, Peggy Lowman, **Family of Andy Miller** (Rev. Mary Norville's father), Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, **The family of Dr. James Penick**, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Parker Ragland, Stephanie Resetar, David Ridenour, John Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Jessica Stark, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Erick Wellnitz, **Christel Wolbring, Eric Wolbring, Johnathan Wood, The family of Robert Yeoman** (brother of Annie Penick).

*****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.

Confirmation and Graduation Sunday – May 19, 2024

We would like to honor all our graduates on May 19th. If you have a graduate in your family, or know of one, please contact Pastor Scott or the office with the information by May 12th.

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus – May 19, 2024 3:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon of great music with the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus at trinity UCC, 30 West North St., Waynesboro, PA

Getting Ready for VBS – June 17–19, 2024 6:30-8:00pm - Christ's Reformed UCC

We are ready to dive into Vacation Bible School. Our theme is SCUBA, diving into friendship with God. We will be sharing God's word for three evenings, Monday-Wednesday June 17-19 from 6:30-8pm doors open at 6:15pm. We are excited to partner with Christ's Reformed UCC.

We are looking for volunteers:

- crew leaders (chaperons for the individual groups)
- station leaders (craft, games, snacks, and Bible-telling)
- storytellers
- registration volunteers
- other volunteers

We will be having Hot Dogs on Monday, June 17th at 5:45pm to kick off VBS.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

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

5/12 ONA Fellowship following today's service.

5/14 Staff Meeting 12:00pm

VBS Meeting 12:30pm in person and Zoom

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Upstairs in the Chapel Area)

5/15 Newsletter article deadline

Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm

5/16 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

Birthdays

5/12 Becky Hohman

5/17 Brandon Hackett

5/13 Kelly Weicht

5/17 Corey Green

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
May 12

- Gathering music: Kinderszenen (Scenes of Childhood), Op. 15. Composed by Robert Schumann. Ó Edwin F. Kalmus. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Prelude: La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin (The Girl with the Flaxen Hair). Composed by Claude Debussy. Ó 1986 by Alfred Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Hymns: Now in the Days of Youth. NCH 350. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George J. Elvey (1868). Words by Walter J. Mathams (1913). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- I Would be True. Red 448. Tune: Peek. Composed by Joseph Yates Peek (1911). Words by Howard Arnold Walter (1917). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Sing a New World into Being. Sing of the World Made New 200. Tune: Hymn to Joy. Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven. Words by Mary Louise Bringle. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- We Would be Building Temples Still Undone. NCH 607. Tune: Finlandia. Composed by Jean Sibelius. Words by Purd E. Deitz. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).
- Choir Anthem: Ave Maria. Composed by Harry Wheaton Howard.
- Offertory: By the Waters of Babylon. Composed by J. S. Bach. Ó 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
- Postlude: Sonata in C for Trumpet and Organ. Composed by Tommaso Albinoni. Ó 1986 by Heinrichshofen's Verlag. 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



To Give Electronically

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