



January 19, 2025

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

*To share the gospel of Christ
in such a way that we find God,
grow our faith,
discover our purpose
and make a difference.*

Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS

Hymn Medley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentines Celebration and Potluck, Feb. 12, 7pm

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells, Myukola Leontovych

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With the rolling waters of mighty streams, we gather to join the movement of God's justice.

All: **"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."**

One: With the future dreams of a mustard seed, we come together to join the movement of Jesus' liberation.

All: **"Every step towards the goal of justice requires...struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."**

One: With the shining light of a tender flame, we bring our hearts, to join the movement of the Spirit's love.

All: **Joining this great movement of hope, let us worship God. Amen.**

*HYMN See Insert

My Anchor Holds

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Ever patient and loving God,
You light the fire in our hearts,
and we squelch it with dampening fear.
You give us many gifts,
but we bury them with wasteful self-pity.
You make us in your image,

**But we distort visions of ourselves and others.
Renewing God,
Call us out of our complacency.
Forgive us for those times
 when we settled for what is,
rather than fighting for what could be.
Disturb us this day with your dissonant call,
 and fill us with your mercy, grace and power
to serve you boldly and bravely in the world. Amen**

adapted, Su Yon Park

RESPONSE OF PRAISE GG 286, Verses 1&2

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SCRIPTURE Psalm 36:5-10, NRSV

Lector: Calvin Livingston

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

One: Listen to what the Spirit teaches us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Earth and All Stars

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Calvin Livingston

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine." Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you." As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim. "Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed. The caterer tasted the water—which had been turned into wine—without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over 10 and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!" Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

***HYMN GG 370**

This is My Father's World

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 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

OFFERTORY

Sleeper Awake

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)**

Holy God, as we navigate life's chapters, we dedicate each page to your Wisdom. Be the author of our individual and shared stories. May your purposes be revealed in every twist and turn. Amen.

***HYMN GG 307**

God of Grace

***BENEDICTION**

One: Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.
All: We will love simply, live generously, deeply care, kindly speak, and rest in God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C major, J. S. Bach

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

FROM OUR CONSISTORY

During our January Consistory meeting we gave deep thanks to Carroll Sager and Kim Ridenour for their twelve years of service many of them as officers Secretary and President respectively. We welcomed Alyn Wilson and Rick Waters to the Consistory. We then elected our officers for 2025 and we thank them for their willingness to serve. Becky Hohman was elected President. Carol Mooers was elected Vice-President and Megan Shroyer was elected Secretary. With thanksgiving Lisa Saum, who has been our Treasurer for 39 years, will continue as Treasurer. Support them with your prayers.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Walkers and sponsors are needed for the 3rd annual Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) on Saturday, February 22. This fundraising originated in Canada and has spread over the border to the US. It is a way to bring people together on a cold night to raise funds for those who are living in the cold. REACH of Washington County is the local sponsor of this event. Walkers seek pledges from sponsors, participate in the walk, eat a hot bowl of soup at the end of the walk, and submit their collected pledges to REACH. Last year over \$23,000 was raised for REACH. ZION has fielded a team each year. This year the ZION Walkers are hoping for returning members as well as some new members of the team. You can use this link to access our team file: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1025872&langPref=en-CA> or go to CNOY 2025. We are listed under the Hagerstown, MD event as the Zion Walkers. I hope you will consider joining us!

THE CINDERELLA SHOP

The Cinderella Shop will be open each Saturday in March from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers to "man" the Shop as well as to provide security are needed. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Chapel or see Carroll Sager to volunteer. Additional volunteers are also needed for about 5 total hours to assist with organizing, sifting, and purging through the many donated gowns. Hours for this part of the project can be during the week. Please see Carroll Sager if you can help.

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 Reformed UCC 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 Books 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



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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, Lon Bender, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, Avery Goodrich, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, Jim Hatfield, Beth Hauver, Elwood Hauver, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Susan Lohman, Peggy Lowman, Darrin Miller, Bonnie Minoglio-Toms (friend of Barb & Charley Ware), Heather Morgan, **Sam Murray (friend of the Ridenour Family)** Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), Crystal Reed (Lori Schmidt's daughter-in-law), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **the Family of Betsy Roulette**, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Calvin Livingston

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky, Hohman, John Schnebly

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Carol Mooers

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Rick Waters

Children's Church leader for next week is Becky Hohman

- 1/19 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
- 1/20 Deadline for Annual Reports
Church Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/21 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Lighthouse After School Steering Committee Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 1/22 Potluck and Study 6pm
- 1/23 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 1/24 Zion Book Club 7:00pm

Birthdays

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| 1/20 | Thelma Summers | 1/22 | Scott Richardson |
| 1/22 | Holly Bell | 1/25 | Sarah Kalkbrenner |

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack will be collecting **Noodle Soup and Vegetable Soup** during the month of January. **Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **Peanut Butter** for the month of January. We are also in need of **empty Egg Cartons**.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

Announcements

Current Events Corner – Beginning today another Sunday Church School alternative for adults will be a table ready with Sunday's copy of the Washington Post newspaper. Gather at the table in the Chapel for fellowship, coffee, and to discuss the day's events.

Sunday School Options- Live and available via Zoom

Arthur Grove Class – A bible-based study and discussion group for adults, led by David Ridenour and Rae Smith.

Youth & Young Adults - This class is for 6th Graders through 23 year olds and will be held in the Pastor's Office.

Children's Sunday School – Pre-K through 5th grade – Teaching based on that week's scripture readings, led by Miss Kim.

Easy-cise class on 2nd Saturdays at 9am. Join us in the chapel for a seated exercise class set to inspiring worship music! Designed to help you stretch and strengthen, this class is perfect for those looking to stay active or just starting out.

Wednesday Night Devotional and Potluck – 6pm. We will continue with the video series, Living the Questions following the potluck.

Valentine Potluck & Cupcake-fest - Join us on February 12, 2025 at 6pm for a Valentine's Day celebration. We will enjoy a potluck, Valentine games, learn to pipe decorate a cake and decorate an eat your own cupcake. This opportunity is brought to us by professional cake decorator Kristin Rony. Come with phone numbers; we will call singing Valentine love ditties. Bring family and friends.

Youth Mission Trip - Please save July 6-10th for a mission trip. We will drive to New Bern, N.C. to help with hurricane recovery. We have a house with 58 beds reserved and will be working with a construction team. Youth and chaperones have first choice with a March 31 registration deadline. All additional adults will need to register by April 30th. The approximate cost for the trip is \$300 for lodging, food, and transportation on a church van. All will be expected to purchase their own meal when we eat out on our final day. Please consider joining us in this important opportunity to reach out in service and love to others. For questions or more information, please contact Rev. Scott Winnette at pastorwinnette@gmail.com

Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519

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Gathering music: Hymn medley (harpsichord). Performed by C. M. Moblard (harpsichordist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Carol of the Bells. Composed by Mykola Leontovych. Arr. by Lyndell Leatherman. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: My Anchor Holds. (insert).
This is My Father's World. GG 370.
God of Grace. GG 307.

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

Choir Anthem: Earth and All Stars! GG 26.

Response of Praise: Breathe on Me, Oh Breath of God Verses 1&2 GG286

Offertory: Sleeper Awake (for Christopher). Arr. by C. M. Moblard. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Prelude in C major. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.