



February 2, 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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

La Rejouissance

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen, people of god, for the voice of god is calling through the words of prophets: “the ultimate measure of a [person] is not where [they] stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where [they] stand at times of challenge and controversy.”*

All: In difficult times, god calls us to join the movement of courageous truth-tellers.

One: In comfortable times, god calls us to join the movement of silence-breakers.

All: In times of struggle, god calls us to join the movement toward freedom.

One: In times of peace, god calls us to join the movement toward justice.

All: In all times, god calls us to join with the movement of the spirit.

One: Listen, people of god, for the voice of god is calling: “do not say I am only a child, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you.”

All: Let us worship god, listening for the voice that calls us to proclaim the good news and join the movement of love.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*HYMN GG 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of justice and mercy, you call us to speak prophetically amid difficult times. We admit that sometimes we are unwilling to give up our comfort and safety to follow where your voice leads us. When we use excuses like, we can't find the right words, or the moment has passed, or it would have been rude to say...forgive us.

Give us the courage to join the movement toward racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice, by speaking your words of hope, peace and love, even when we are fearful. Guide us as we seek to find new ways to follow your call of truth-telling. In the name of the one who is the Word of love that we speak, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us, the sin within us, the work before us, God's movement of mercy, peace and justice is being revealed in our midst.

All: The good news is that we are forgiven and feed.

One: Our burden is lifted; we are empowered to follow the movement of the Spirit.

All: The liberating love of God is at work within us. Thanks be to God.

Love, Love, Love, Love

anonymous

traditional Quaker round

1. Love, love, love, love; the Gos - pel in one word is Love.
 2. Peace, peace, peace, peace; the Gos - pel in one word is Peace.
 3. Joy, joy, joy, joy; the Gos - pel in one word is Joy.

Love your neigh - bor as your self, for God is Love.
 Peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing: Peace, peace, peace.
 Joy that fills to ov - er - flow - ing: Joy, joy, joy.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:4-10, NRSV

Lector: Amber Nilson

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: **We are listening.**

ANTHEM

Meet Him at the Table

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, NRSV

Lector: Amber Nilson

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We share from what we have and from who we are as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor. May these gifts bring light to those in need, and put the joy of the God's Love in their hearts.

OFFERTORY

My Heart is Filled

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)

**In this moment draw us to yourself, God,
and make us aware not so much of what we have given
as of all that we have received and so have yet to share.
Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage
to live out in the world what we pray and profess,
that in sharing, we may do justice, make peace, grow in love,
enjoy ourselves, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer of Ted Loder

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: Life is hard. The path is often full of pain. We need to know we won't be alone. We need to know there will be a light in the shadows, a door open, a table set, someone to offer us a loaf and a cup, a song and a story to revive our flagging hearts: a safe refuge till morning.

Dear friends, you have come to that place. Here Christ waits for you and welcomes you without question. So come, let yourself be cared for and fed by our faithful, tender friend.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Now let us pray: We remember, Gracious God, that from the beginning you desired that we live and not die, thrive and not wither, find company and not be alone. You met us in the wilderness with manna, in the forty-day desert with angels, in the night of betrayal with a feast.

All: Whenever we went astray, you came for us and brought us home.

One: And you sent us Jesus, who longed to gather us like a hen safeguards her chicks; who told us the truth about life and its dangers, about the man set upon by robbers, left for dead, and the enemy stranger who cared for him and became his neighbor. Jesus told us to be neighbors, too: to have no fear in welcoming and tending, to be ready at our doors with a light. We remember that he called them and us friends although he knew that we would turn him away when he needed us most. On that night when we betrayed him he gave us bread and wine, signs of the risk he took for us in his own body, the life he surrendered in love.

All: And he promised to be with us every time we eat this meal together, so that we would never be afraid because we are never alone.

One: With gratitude we pray.

All: We ask you, Holy Spirit, to bless this bread and cup, love made food for our safety and consolation. As we eat and drink together, fill us with hope and make us brave. Keep us, like Christ, beside our doors, holding a light, saying to every shadowed stranger: Here, right here, come in.

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

The bread is gluten free

*Here I Am, Lord
It Is Well with My Soul*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Who is like you, Gracious One? There is no one like you, our feast and our song, our safety and our story, our hope and our peace. There is no one like you. Thank you, now and always. Amen.

***HYMN GG 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

***BENEDICTION**

One: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

All: Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

One: Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

All: Let us dream together, pray together, work together,

One: to build one world of peace, love and justice for all.

All: Amen and Amen!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519

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Gathering Music:	<i>If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee</i> . Settings by J. S. Bach and Georg Boehm. Ó 1951 by Oliver Ditson Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
Prelude:	<i>La Rejouissance</i> . Composed by Georg Frederic Handel. Ó 1988 by the Hope Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (d trumpet) and C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.
Hymns:	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> . GG 465. Tune: Converse. Composed by Charles C. Converse. Words by Joseph Scriven. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> . GG 187. Tune: Bradbury. Composed by William Batchelder Bradbury. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. <i>God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand</i> . GG 331. Tune: National Hymn. Composed by George William Warren. Words by Daniel Crane Roberts. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).
Choir Anthem:	<i>Meet Him at the Table</i> . Composed by Kirk Dearman, Deby Dearman and Nancy Gordon. Arr. by Richard Kingsmore. Ó 1998 by Integrity's Hosanna! Music.
Offertory:	<i>My Heart is Filled</i> . Composed by J. S. Bach. Ó 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
Communion:	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> . Composed by Daniel L. Schutte. Arr. by Jack Schrader. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC. <i>It Is Well with My Soul</i> . Composed by Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by Joel Raney. Both Ó 2006 by the Hope Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.
Postlude:	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> . Composed by William Boyce (1711-1779). Ó 1997 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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, **Gus M**, 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, **Lisa Saum**, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

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/regisrant/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.

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 and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.**

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Amber Nilson

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, Barb Ware

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Rich Owens

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

Children's Church leader for next week is Kristen Joy

- 2/2 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
2/3 Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
2/4 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
2/5 Potluck and Study 6pm
2/6 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
2/8 Easy-cise Class 9:..am

Birthdays

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| 2/1 | Judy Hess | 2/5 | Lenzie Franks |
| 2/2 | Finn Delosier | 2/7 | Peggy Lowman |
| 2/2 | Michael Schultz | 2/8 | Brett Hendershot |
| 2/2 | Rowan Delosier | 2/8 | Liliana Shroyer |

Announcements

Sunday School Options

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.

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

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.

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