



February 9, 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*He said, "Feed my sheep."
There were no conditions:
Least of all, Feed my sheep if they deserve it.
Feed my sheep if you feel like it.
Feed my sheep if you have any leftovers.
Feed my sheep if the Mood Strikes you...
if the economy is OK...
if you're not too busy...
No conditions...just, "Feed my sheep."
Could it be that God's Kingdom will come when each lamb is fed?
We who have agreed to keep covenant
are called to feed sheep
even when it means the grazing will be done
on our own front lawns.*

Ann Weems

GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS

Sonata in C Major K330

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Heavens Declare

CHORAL INTROIT

I Woke Up This Morning

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are in the presence of God together.

All: We are not alone like Jonah running from service.

One: We are companions in the task of witnessing.

All: We are looking at the world together.

One: We are seeing warmth and love.

All: We are vibrant with thanksgiving.

One: We are hearing cries of pain and confusion.

All: We are together crying in anguish and sorrow.

One: We are sharing Good News of peace and comfort.

All: We are sharing our hands, a touch, a love that changes.

One: Our energy in appreciation, our welling eyes of tears, our words of Good News, our touch of warmth transforms tragedy into wholeness.

All: Thanks be to God for letting us together be the evangelists of the divine Love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing, and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your abundance given freely to all.

But God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts: God's abundance is enough for all if we share.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE GG 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rich Owens

I thank you with all my heart;
I sing your praise before the gods.
I bow down in front of your holy temple and praise your Name
because of your love and faithfulness,
for you have put above everything else
your Name and your Word.
One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.
All: **We are listening.**

ANTHEM GG26 Choir will sing verses 1-3 Congregation join in for verse 4

Earth and All Stars

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rich Owens

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets." Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank. After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you'll fish among humankind." And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Weighted Down and Up

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

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

Adagio in g minor

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)

Dependable God in whom we live and move and have our being,
once again You have filled us with hope and blessed us with grace.
And we are grateful. We now offer our very selves as a fragrant offering to You.
Receive us, transform us, and use us for Your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 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.

*HYMN GG 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

One: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.
All: **May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.**
One: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain in to joy.
All: **And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE. GG 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

Service Credits
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Gathering music: Sonata in C Major K330. Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. © Kalmus Publishing. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: The Heavens Declare. Composed by Benedetto Marcello. © Mercury Music Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Introit: I Woke Up This Morning. NCH 85.

Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy. GG 1. Tune: Nicea. Composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1861). Words by Reginald Heber (1827). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

This is My Song. GG 340. Tune: Finlandia. Composed by Jean Sibelius (1899). Words by Georgia Harkness. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I the Lord of Sea and Sky. GG 69. Composed by Daniel L. Schutte (1981). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: Earth and All Stars. GG 26.

Offertory: Adagio in g minor. Composed by Thomas Albinoni. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Benediction response: Lord, Make Us More Holy. GG 313.

Postlude: Carillon-Sortie. Composed by Henri Mulet. Dover Publications, New York. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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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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, **The Family of Elwood Hauver (Beth's Dad)**, 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, **Lisa Saum**, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

ALYN WILSON IS TURNING 21!

The Zion family is hosting, and you are invited to Alyn's 21st birthday party on February 15th at 5pm in Zion's chapel. Please BYOB and bring an appetizer, a birthday joke and if you know a fun party game mention it to Pastor Scott. We plan to have a lot of fun, so come and celebrate our sibling in Christ and their achievements as they commemorate this milestone!

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/registant/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 **Peanut Butter** during the month of February.

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **Pudding Cups** for the month of February. 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 Rich Owens

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

Children's Church leader for this week is Kristen Joy

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Tina Shafer

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons

- 2/9 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
ONA Fellowship 12:00pm
Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 2/11 Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC Monthly Meeting 12:30pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 2/12 Valentine Potluck and Craft Fest 6pm
- 2/13 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Choir Practice 5:30pm

Birthdays

- 2/12 Alyn Wilson

Announcements

Sunday School Options

Current Events Corner – A Sunday School alternative for adults is 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.

Valentine Pizza & Cupcake-fest - Join us on February 12, 2025 at 6pm for a Valentine's Day celebration. We will provide Pizza & Salads, Valentine games, learn to pipe decorate a cake and decorate and eat your own cupcake. This opportunity is brought to us by professional cake decorator Kristin Rony. Come with phone numbers; we will call and sing Valentine love ditties. Bring family and friends. We only ask that you sign up in advance so that we have enough pizza and cupcakes for decorating. Please email zionucc@myactv.net to RSVP

Our regular **Wednesday Night Devotional** will resume next week with a new series of study.

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