



February 16, 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

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**GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS**

*Toccata in e minor and Ciacona in f minor, Pachelbel*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*A Town that Does Not Exist, Korneluk*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Spirit, open unto us  
All: **Open unto us—light for our darkness.  
Open unto us—courage for our fear.  
Open unto us—hope for our despair.**  
One: Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.  
All: **Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.  
Open unto us—strength for our weakness.  
Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.**  
One: Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.  
All: **Open unto us—love for our hates.  
Open unto us—thy Self for ourselves.  
God, God, open unto us! Amen.**

Adapted from Howard Thurman

**\*HYMN GG 2**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

**PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)**

One: In the shadow and the sunshine, Holy Love leads us and loves us. Let us offer our fears and our failures to God.  
All: **O most gracious God, we confess that we spend much of our lives on that which does not satisfy. We do not always count our time and resources as precious gifts, but squander them in meaningless activities and seemingly urgent needs. Look kindly upon us, for the temptation to waste is overwhelming in our world. Enable us to understand what is important, and to use the gifts of life responsibly, so that grace may abound in this life and the next. We pray in the power of the Risen One. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, there is Good News even in bad times. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Amen!

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE GG 472

*Kum ba Yah*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 1 from Nan Merrill's Psalms for Praying

Lector: Tina Shafer

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness, who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth; for their delight is in the Spirit of Love, and in Love's heart they dwell day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, that yield fruit in due season, and their leaves flourish; and in all that they do, they give life.

The unloving are not so; they are like dandelions which the wind blows away. Turning from the Heart of Love they will know suffering and pain. They will be isolated from wisdom; for Love knows the way of truth, the way of ignorance will perish as Love's penetrating Light breaks through hearts filled with illusions: forgiveness is the way.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: We are listening.**

## ANTHEM

*Soon and Very Soon*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 6:17-26, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Tina Shafer

Coming down the mountain with them, Jesus stopped in a level area where there were a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon—people who had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said: "You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You who hunger now are blessed, for you'll be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you'll laugh. You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One. On the day they do so, rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets the same way.

But woe to you rich, for you are now receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are full, for you'll go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you'll weep in your grief. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way.

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 250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

## 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**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*, Dykes

**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 and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share 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 Red 384**

*The Morning Light is Breaking*

**\*BENEDICTION**

May God's peace rest upon us;  
May God's great love reach to every heart;  
May we always sense God's care among us, so that we find the good of one another and never doubt the goodness of God. Go in peace. Amen

Lord, make us more holy;  
 Lord, make us more holy;  
 Lord, make us more holy,  
 until we meet again:  
 holy, holy, holy,  
 until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving;  
 Lord, make us more loving;  
 Lord, make us more loving,  
 until we meet again:  
 loving, loving, loving,  
 until we meet again.

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Austrian Hymn, Haydn*

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

## Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519  
 February 16

Gathering Music: *Toccata in e minor* and *Ciacona in f minor*. Composed by Johann Pachelbel. © by Belwin Mills.  
 Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *A Town that Does Not Exist* (Ukrainian folk song). Composed by I Korneluk. Performed by  
 C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Come, Thou Almighty King*. GG 2. Tune Italian Hymn. Composed by Felice de Giardini.  
 Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed  
 UCC.

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*. GG 250. Composed by Natalie Sleeth. Performed by Byron L.  
 Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*The Morning Light is Breaking*. Red 384. Tune: Webb. Composed by George G. Webb.  
 Words by Samuel Francis Smith. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard  
 (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Soon and Very Soon*. Composed by Andre Couch.

Offertory: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*. Composed by John B. Dykes. Arr. by Nigel  
 Williams. © 2021 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C.  
 M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Postlude on "Austrian Hymn."* Composed by Josef Haydn. Arr. by John S. Dixon. © 2019 by  
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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, **Michael Baseler**, 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)**, **The Family of Dorothy (Dottie) Hendershot (Barb's Mother-in-law)**, 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

## Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Tina Shafer

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons

Acolyte for this week is Gia Delosier

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Jean Simmons

Next week's ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly

Next week's Children's Church is Susan Clutz

- 2/16 Sunday School 9:45am  
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am  
Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 2/18 Staff Meeting 11:00am  
Lighthouse After School Steering Committee 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 2/19 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm  
Rae Smith on vacation until February 25<sup>th</sup>. Will be back in the office Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2/20 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm  
Choir Practice 5:30pm  
2025 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30pm
- 2/22 Coldest Night of the Year Walk 4:00pm

### Birthdays

- 2/20 Linda Cantilena                      2/21 William Wantz

## 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.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> Graders through 23 year olds and will be held in the Pastor's Office.

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

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

**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](mailto:pastorwinnette@gmail.com)

### 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.

