



February 23, 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

The Old Hundredth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Rev. Michelle Beadle
Pastor Scott is on Study Leave and will return March 2

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As people formed by God, we give praise to God:
All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!
One: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:
All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!
One: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:
All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

***HYMN GG 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of Mystery and Might,
You call us
through all the nights and days of our living
to trust, to respond, to rejoice,
with harmony and hope.
But we confess that the voices we hear
belong to the world, and not to you.
And when you call
we are too distracted to listen.
Tenacious Lord, come to us this day.
With forgiveness and freedom,
call us again and again,
until we surrender to your grace and purpose.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Phil. 3:13–14

*Forgetting what lies behind,
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

RESPONSE OF PRAISE GG 69, Refrain

Here I Am, Lord

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-10, NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Psalm 37:1-11, NRSV

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: We are listening.

ANTHEM

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Barb Hendershot

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38, NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Engage

Rev. Michelle Beadle

*HYMN *Song of the God's Reviving*

Wild Goose Worship Group
-after Ezekiel 37, Tune: Abbot's Leigh

To death's dark valley God has brought me;
bid me stop and look around:
see the bones of all my people,
strewn and lifeless on the ground;
dislocated, disconnected,
broken signs of hopeless pain:
God now asks of me, mere mortal,
'Can these bones now live again?'

'God, that really is my question;
you alone renew the earth;
you can breathe into the lifeless power
to bring them to new birth.'

'Not alone,' the Spirit answers. 'You're
not powerless, helpless, weak.
I am with you, I will help you.
Summon courage, dare to speak.'

So, I sought the Spirit's presence:
'Blow, creative wind of God:
come to those from life excluded,
send your new life wide abroad.'

Soon the bones are knit together;
soon the sinews strain and strive;
skin and flesh the bones recover –
wondrously, all is alive.

Come creative, moving Spirit,
blow among your people here.
From our lifeless isolation
lead us out and draw us near;
close to you and one another,
close to Christ whose way we tread;
form a people of his purpose,
we his body, he our head.

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

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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)

To your name, Lord Jesus,
help us to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking,
bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving.
God, help us worship you in all we do. 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 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE GG 313**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

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

Recessional in C

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.



The Rev. Michelle Beadle is the executive assistant to the general secretary at the General Board of Church and Society. She provides administrative support for the general secretary, manages board meetings and correspondence, serves on the Development Work Team, and advocates for disability rights on behalf of The United Methodist Church as part of the Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition.

Before joining the General Board of Church and Society, Michelle served in congregational and community ministries from 2002-2017. Ordained clergy with the United Church of Christ, she continues to serve as a pulpit supply pastor.

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, Peggy Lowman, Gus M, **Darrin Miller**, Bonnie Minoglio-Toms (friend of Barb & Charley Ware), Heather Morgan, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), Crystal Reed (Lori Schmidt's daughter-in-law), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, **Henry Rothrock, (Father of Missie LaBombard)**, Lisa Saum, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, **Angela Yamashita**.

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.

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday March 9, 2025 immediately following worship. We will be providing chicken for lunch. Bring your favorite side or desert.

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.

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

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.

Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519
February 23

Gathering music: The Old Hundredth. Settings by J. S. Bach, Johann Pachelbel, Johann Walther, and Robert Lau. Ó 2009 by Paraclete Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 6212519

Prelude: Come Thou Fount. Composed by John Wyeth. Arr. by Jason D. Payne. Ó 2013 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Great Is Thy Faithfulness. GG 39. Tune: Faithfulness. Composed by William Marion Runyan. Words by Thomas O. Chisholm. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Song of the God's Reviving. Wild Goose Worship Group -after Ezekiel 37, Tune: Abbot's Leigh
Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

For the Beauty of the Earth. Tune: Dix. Composed by Conrad Kocher. Words by Follitt Sandford Pierpoint. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem:

Offertory: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus. Composed by William J. Kirkpatrick. Arr. by David Lasky. Ó 2021 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 7189367

Postlude: Recessional in C. Composed by John S. Dixon. Ó 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Jean Simmons

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

Acolyte for this week is

This week's Children's Church is Susie Clutz

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Rae Smith

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

2/23 Sunday School 9:45am

Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am

Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm

2/24 Pastor Scott on Study Leave Feb. 18 – March 2.

Rae Smith on vacation until February 25th. Office will still be open and staffed by volunteers.

2/25 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

2/26 Wednesday Devotional & Potluck 6:00pm

2/27 Choir Practice 5:30pm

Birthdays

Edward Lowman 2/23

2/28 Kristin Kelly

