



March 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

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“When you love someone, you fight to protect them when they are in harm’s way. If you ‘see no stranger’ and choose to love all people, then you must fight for anyone who is in harm’s way. This was the path of the warrior-sage: the warrior fights, the sage loves.” Valarie Kaur

## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Air and Variations in B flat*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Nicaea*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, what do you need today?  
**All: We need God’s help.**  
One: Then come, let us worship God,  
whose hands hold us up,  
who nurtures our growth,  
**All: Who makes us friends to support each other.**  
One: We gather in the name of our triune God,  
our Help,  
our Rock,  
and our Advocate.  
**All: Amen.**

## \*HYMN GG 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

One: With the whole church,  
**All: We affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**  
One: With people everywhere,  
**All: We affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**  
One: With all creation,  
**All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, there is Good News today.

**All: Christ is with us and for us.**

One: God makes the past the past.

**All: God makes today fresh and new.**

One: In Christ we are forgiven.

**All: In Christ we are free!**

## CHORAL REFRAIN See Insert

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*

## SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-9, NRSV

Lector: Burnie Clutz

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE John 14:15-28a, NRSV

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.”

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN GG 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

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 FOR THE OFFERING

One: As we prepare to make an offering, we pray:  
All: God, you gave us what we needed to love you today.  
Now we offer you a portion of these gifts,  
a harvest of the love you planted.

OFFERTORY

*Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing with angels above  
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Blessed and Blessing God, we give you thanks. We offer to you the bounty of our lives, our gifts of heart, of wealth, of strength. Expand all that we are and have, and bring your will into the world. Amen.

\*HYMN NCH 80

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

\*BENEDICTION

Now may God,  
who is our refuge and our safety,  
who is our help and our stay,  
who is our advocate and our defender,  
bless you and sustain you.  
Today God has answered your need,  
and now the Spirit sends you out  
to answer the world's need. Amen.

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude as the Acolyte douses the altar candles.



### 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, Carol France, Donna France, Avery Goodrich, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Sue Graff, Beth Gross, Jim Hatfield, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), **The Family of Howard Kaylor (Service 5/17 1:00pm)**, Dee Krause, Calvin Livingston, 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, **The Family of Ralph Sellers**, Staci Shafer, The Family of Marcia Shenk (sister of Margaret Wagner), Jessica Stark, Thelma Summers, Margaret Wagner, **Gwen Wilson (Alyn's Mother)**, **Angela Yamashita**.



## Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Burnie Clutz.

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

Acolyte for this week is

This week's Children's Church leader is Carroll Sager.

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Barb Hendershot.

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

- 3/23 Sunday School 9:45am
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
- Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 3/25 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 3/26 Potluck & Lenten Devotional 6:00pm
- 3/27 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 7/28 Zion Book Club 7:00pm

### Birthdays

- 3/23 Calvin Livingston
- 3/25 A J Atwell
- 3/29 Ralph Hess

## 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 upstairs in the Youth Room.

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK & DEVOTIONAL** - A Potluck dinner followed by a Lenten Devotional.

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

## Outreach and Service Opportunities

**Micah's Backpack** will be collecting **Pudding and Jello Cups** during the month of March.  
**Tuesday Night Ministry** is collecting **Hygiene Products** for the month of March. 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

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Gathering music: *Air and Variations in B flat.* Composed by Georg Frederick Handel. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (harpsichordist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Nicaea.* Composed by B. Dykes (1861). Arr. by Robert Hebble. © 1982 by Dreena Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *O Jesus, I Have Promised.* GG 724. Tune: Angel's Story. Composed by Arthur Henry Mann (1881). Words by John Ernest Bode (1866). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Forty Days and Forty Nights.* GG 167. Tune: Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich. Composed by Martin Herbst. Words by George Hunt Smyttan. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name.* NCH 80. Tune: Ellers. Composed by Edward J. Hopkins (1869). Words by John Ellerton (1866). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.* Italian folk melody. Arr. by R. Kevin Boesiger. © 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co. CCLI number: 5898350

Offertory: *Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need."* Nicaea. Composed by B. Dykes (1861). Arr. by Robert Hebble. © 1982 by Dreena Music. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary.* Composed by John Stanley. Arr. by Sue Mitchell Wallace and John H. Head. © 1988 by The Classical Wedding by Hope Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (d trumpet) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.