



March 30, 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 AND BELLS

Darwall's Fantasia

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: Change that brings new life.

One: Then come, let us worship God,

**All: who teaches us the way we should go,
who ushers in a new creation,
who can change our circumstances and our hearts.**

One: We gather in the name of our triune God,
our Maker, our Redeemer, and our Reconciler.

All: Amen.

*HYMN NCH 177

God of Change and Glory

LITANY OF HOPE

One: God, often it is difficult to feel any hope. We hear so much bad news. Often situations around us appear to be out of control and we feel powerless to change them. Yet, You created a good world and You empowered us with the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Help us to see and celebrate signs of Your continuing creative power at work in our world today.

All: Fill us with hope as we pray.

One: In the midst of war and hunger,

All: We celebrate the promise of peace and plenty.

One: In the midst of oppression and tyranny,

All: We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

One: In the midst of fear and betrayal,

All: We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

One: In the midst of hatred and death,

All: We celebrate the promise of love and life.

One: In the midst of sin and decay,

All: We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

One: In the midst of the dying Lord,

All: We celebrate the promise of the Living Christ. Amen.

CHORAL REFRAIN

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

*Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.*

*Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.*

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, NRSV

Lector: Barb Hendershot

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Day by Day

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:2-12, NRSV

Lector: Barb Hendershot

So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Christ has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Need for Change

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN GG 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

MORNING PRAYER

Beloved Is Where We Begin, by Jan Richardson

One: If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing.
Do not leave without hearing who you are:
Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you.
Do not go without letting it echo in your ears, and if you find it is hard
to let it into your heart, do not despair.

All: Beloved is where we begin,

One: That is what this journey is for. I cannot promise this blessing will free you from danger, from fear, from hunger or thirst, from the scorching of sun or the fall of the night.
But I can tell you that on this path there will be help.

All: Beloved is where we begin,

One: I can tell you that on this way there will be rest.
I can tell you that you will know the strange graces that come to our aid
only on a road such as this, that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength,
that come alongside us for no other cause than to lean themselves toward our ear
and with their curious insistence whisper our name:

All: Beloved.

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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

“Consider the lilies...look at the birds of the air”: Jesus pulls our attention away from our worries about scarcity, and turns our gaze toward the beautiful gifts of God’s creation, signs of abundance and grace surrounding us always. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

*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)**

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.

***HYMN Red 411**

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

***BENEDICTION**

Now may God,
who revivifies the earth each spring,
who creates us anew in every act of reconciliation,
who changes us from glory into glory,
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.

POSTLUDE

Dorian Toccata in d minor

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



*Thank
You
All*

We would like to thank everyone for their love and support for us during this difficult time. Your help on Saturday was appreciated more than you know.

The Sellers Family

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:

Holly Bell, Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, **Joy DeYoung (Friend of Byron & ClaireMarie)** Donna France, 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, Jerri Livingston, **Mary Lorfing (Niece of ClaireMarie)**, Darrin Miller, Bonnie Minoglio-Toms (friend of Barb & Charley Ware), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), Crystal Reed (Lori Schmidt's daughter-in-law), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Henry Rothrock (Father of Missie LaBombard), The Family of Ralph Sellers, Staci Shafer, The Family of Marcia Shenk (sister of Margaret Wagner), Thelma Summers, Margaret Wagner, **Gwen Wilson (Alyn's Mother)**, **Angela Yamashita**.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Barb Hendershot.

Ushers for this week are Jim Rigley, Rick Waters, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.

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 Calvin Livingston

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

- 3/30 Sunday School 9:45am
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
- Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- Transgender Day of Visibility Frederick MD after worship
- 4/1 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/2 Executive Team Meeting 10:00am
- Potluck & Lenten Devotional 6:00pm
- 4/3 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
- 4-H Club 4:30pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm

Birthdays

- 3/31 Sue Graff **4/5 Tess Summers 100th**
- 4/2 Delilah Bell 4/5 Kristen Joy
- 4/4 Aaron Kelly

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 upstairs in the Youth Room.

Children's Sunday School – Pre-K through 5th 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.

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 **Juice Boxes** during the month of **April**.

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **Cereal both family size and individual boxes** for the month of **April**. 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: *Darwall's Fantasia*. Composed by John S. Dixon. © 2019 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round. Red 411. Tune: Yorkshire. Composed by John Wainwright. Words by John W. Chadwick. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Choir Anthem: *Day by Day*. Composed by Oscar Ahnfelt. Words by Caroline Sandell Berg.

Offertory: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Composed by J. S. Bach. Arr. by E. Power Biggs. © 1944 by The H. W. Gray Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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