



April 6, 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

Prelude and Fugue in e minor ("The Cathedral")

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, what do you need today?
All: A world with more beauty than brokenness.
One: Then come, let us worship God,
**All: who brings water to parched places,
who translates weeping into joy,
who does great things for us.**
One: We worship in the name of our triune God,
our great Creator,
our new start,
our endless inspiration.
All: Amen.

*HYMN GG 619

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF HOPE

One: Let the light of Christ be evident among us:
All: in our songs and our words;
One: in our deepest thoughts and desires;
All: in the youthful and the experienced, the exhausted and the energetic;
One: in the hungry and the scared.
All: We are here together. We join our voices and our hearts in praise. 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.*

Thus says our God, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Wordless Prayer

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8, NRSV

Lector: Calvin Livingston

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Need for Beauty

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN GG 610

For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

There is a Fountain

*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)

One: God, we have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose.

All: Now bless our gifts and use them in your service. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is not only right, but even needful for us to thank you, God, for the cosmos overflows with your goodness. You open your hand to satisfy the needs of everything that you have made, and all of creation sings its thankful praise. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God, brimming with your extravagant love. In the beginning you created, not because you needed to but because it delighted you:

All: You made the textures of feathers and fur, the fragrance of pine and saltwater, glinting minerals and sparkling stars, humankind in gorgeous diversity.

One: You became like us in Jesus Christ, whose life magnified the abundance of your grace and the lavishness of your love.

All: He saw the richness of a widow's pennies and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals and the towering greatness of a mustard seed and fed thousands with five loaves and two fish.

One: On the night of his arrest, he gathered his friends for a simple meal and set a feast of love. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. And so we remember:

All: the command to love as he has loved.

One: We remember:

All: the life of God poured out for us like wine.

One: We remember:

All: the resurrection that shattered the power of death.

One: We remember:

All: Christ's ascension into heaven and promise to come again.

One: Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes and the earthiness of wheat.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion for the little, the lost, and the least.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love, mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end. Bring us at last to the infinite table where you have gathered all your holy ones in the new creation where every tear is wiped away, and every need has been met in you.

All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION

River Flows in You

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

O Jesus, you have fed us with the bread that has no price, the precious gift of your own self. Now send us out like Mary with her perfume, prepared to give the best we have to dignify the world you so loved. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Creator God— as we return now to our homes, workplaces, and communities, may Your Spirit open our eyes anew to the vastness and splendor of Your beauty all around us.

May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch Your glory evident in all of Your creation.

Above all, let us see Your beauty even in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters—all of them, created in Your image, and waiting to experience that redemption that comes through Christ Jesus. We go now to love and serve—**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Revival March

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



Altar flowers today are honoring Tess Summers' 100th Birthday.

Congratulations Rae Smith on the birth of her Great Granddaughter Amnateal Elizabeth (Tealie)



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), **Family of Judy Fairbanks (Friend of Rae Smith)**, 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, 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, Angela Yamashita.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Calvin Livingston.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Rick Waters.

Acolyte for this week is

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector next week is Carol Mooers

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, Barb Ware.

Next week's Children's Church leader is Jean Simmons.

- 4/6 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 4/7 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 4/8 Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC Monthly Meeting 12:30pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/9 Potluck & Lenten Devotional 6:00pm
- 4/10 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 4/12 Easy-cise Class 9:00am
Put up Cross 4:00pm

Birthdays

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| 4/9 | David Rhodes | 4/10 | Kim Ridenour |
| 4/9 | Randy Hendershot | 4/10 | Linda Graves |
| 4/10 | Jean Simmons | 4/12 | Robert Kefauver |

Announcements

Sunday School Options

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

CCLI Number: 6212519

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Gathering music: *Prelude and Fugue in e minor ("The Cathedral")*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*. GG 619. Tune: *Lauda Anima*. Composed by John Goss (1869). Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1834). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

For a Thousand Tongues to Sing. GG 610. Tune: *Azmon*. Composed by Carl Gotthelf Glaser (18328). Words by Charles Wesley (1739). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lead On, O King Eternal! GG 269. Tune: *Lancashire*. Composed by Henry Thomas Smart (1835). Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff (1888). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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