



April 13, 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

Praeludium in E Flat Major

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule

PRELUDE

Royal Procession on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming
All: shout hosanna
One: he's riding on a donkey
All: shout hosanna
One: open the gates
All: shout hosanna
One: open the ancient doors
All: shout hosanna
One: don't be afraid
All: shout hosanna
One: wave the branches
All: shout hosanna
One: spread out your coats
All: shout hosanna
One: peace in heaven
All: shout hosanna
One: glory in highest heaven
All: shout hosanna

*HYMN GG 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

PRAYER OF HOPE

Going up to Jerusalem, John Harvey of the Wild Goose Worship Group

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So, we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, and the timidity of our following: forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the Beloved Community of Jesus.

KYRIE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, there is Good News even in bad times.

All: 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. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:14-29, Interpretation of Nan Merrill

Lector: Carol Mooers

I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who answer our prayers and invite us to new Life.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the foundation of our lives.

This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Remain ever by our side, O Friend! We welcome You into our hearts as Loving Companion Presence!

Blessed are all who enter through your gates!

Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love!

For You lead the Way, You forgive our misguided ways, and You bring Light into darkness.

Come, all you who will, partake of the Great Banquet!

You are my Beloved, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my Beloved, greatly will I praise You!

We give thanks to You, O Blessed One, for You are kind; your steadfast Love endures forever!

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

From Psalms for Praying © 2007 Nan C. Merrill

ANTHEM

Outside the Holy City

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Day 1 of Easter Events in Rocks

Patti Rokus

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40, NRSV

Lector: Carol Mooers

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Jesus' Need for Help

Rev. Dr. Scott Winnette

*HYMN GG 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Jesus, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Holy City

*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 is the one who comes in the name of Love. Blessed are the gifts that are received in Christ's name. We come before you, O God, with the many blessings, that you have bestowed upon us. Accept them as in Christ you accept us. Use what we bring, so that others can shout, "Hosanna, Christ Helps!" 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 See Next Page

The Palms

BENEDICTION

One: As we go now to our daily living, may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:
All: as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;
One: as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;
All: as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts filled with joy.
One: So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!
All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Flat Major

*Altar Flowers today are in loving memory of Pat & Ruth Murphy,
whose lives touched many with kindness and love.
Forever in our hearts.*

The Palms

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth live to teach His right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings hope and faith to thee forevermore.

Refrain:

Join all and sing, His Name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

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 Carol Mooers.

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Tina Shafer, Judy Thompson, Barb Ware.

Acolyte for this week is

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector next week is Amber Nilson.

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

- 4/13 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
Newsletter Article Deadline
- 4/14 VBS Team Meeting 6:30pm
- 4/15 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/16 Hager 250th Celebration Team Meeting 11:00am
Potluck & Lenten Devotional 6:00pm
- 4/17 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
- 4/18 Good Friday – Sanctuary open for prayer 9:00a
HARC Cross Walk 1:00pm Pastor Scott will be participating
- 4/19 Dinner Theater Rehearsal 2:00pm
Decorate Cross 4:00pm

Birthdays

- 4/17 Sally Stewart

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. **Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867 Password: Peace**

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.

DECORATING THE FLOWER CROSS – Saturday, April 19th at 4:00 pm. We will decorate the Easter Cross at 4:00. Remember to bring your clippers to cut the flowers. We also will go out to dinner afterwards at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant.

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

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Gathering music: *Praeludium in E Flat Major*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Royal Procession on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."* Composed by Melchior Teschner. Arr. by Dan Miller. © 1999 by MorningStar Music. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. GG 268. Tune: Diademata. Composed by George Job Elvey (1868). Words by Matthew Bridges (1851). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor. GG 196. Tune: Valet WillIch Dir Geben. Composed by Melchior Teschner (1614). Words by Theodulph of Orleans (820). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Palms. Composed by J. Faure. © 1881 by G. Schirmer. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Outside the Holy City*. Tune: All Hallows. Composed by George C. Martin (1892). Words by James Gordon Gilkey (19915).

Offertory: *The Holy City*. Composed by Stephen Adams. Arr. by Bryceson Treharne. © 1942 by Boston Music Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Fugue in E Flat Major*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.