



April 27, 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

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!
He Is Risen! He Is Risen!
An Easter Fanfare*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome online and in person congregants.
Pew Cards

PRELUDE

It Is No Secret

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Thanks be for Easter, and for Christ who has risen.
All: Easter is more than a moment. It is a direction away from being stuck and toward being helped and swung into action.
One: Today we are a community of people revitalized and reminded of who we are.
All: Each day we are reminded of the resurrection life of God's people.
One: Our delight does not cancel out problems but makes them possible to bear together.
All: Thanks be for Easter: for blessings which expand our world, rebirth of nature, justice envisioned, love amid difference, hope for the frightened, food for the hungry, home for the stranger, and for Christ who is risen! Amen! Alleluia!

***HYMN PURPLE 246**

Christ Is Alive!

PRAYER OF HOPE

One: Unlock the doors of fear and doubt.
All: May our faith spill into the streets!
One: Jesus is risen!
All: Death has no more claims on our life.
One: In life, in death, in life after death, God lives.
All: Peace be with you.
One: And also with you. Amen.

CHORAL REFRAIN PURPLE 754 Verses 1-2

Help Us Accept Each Other

See how good, how pleasant it is
for God's people to live together as one!
It is like precious oil on Aaron's head
running down on his beard,
running down to the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,
falling on the hills of Zion.
For that is where YHWH bestows the blessing—
life that never ends.
One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Like a Melody/Life is a Symphony

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rich Owens

The community of believers was of one mind and one heart. None of them claimed anything as their own; rather, everything was held in common. The apostles continued to testify with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and they were all given great respect; nor was anyone needy among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them and give the money to the apostles. It was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Can You Believe It?

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN PURPLE 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Easter teaches us that generous love is at the heart of God's work. Joyfully we are able to give knowing that our gifts will help others to see the blessed miracle of God's creative joy.

OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

* 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)

Divine Sustainer, receive these gifts that we gladly give. May they be used to revive and restore those in need.
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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

*HYMN PURPLE 238

Thine is the Glory

BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you
Like the trees of the forest
May the peace of God warm you all over
Like the sun in the sky
May the peace of God swell and roll over you
Like a wave in the sea
May the peace of God fill you
Like the cool wind
May the peace of God be with you.
Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

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:

Residents and Staff of Homewood at Williamsport as they deal with the aftermath of last weeks storm, Holly Bell, Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, **Kim & Bill Cook**, Joy DeYoung (Claire-Marie's niece), **Family of Fay Doppel (Barb Hendershot's sister-in-law)**, 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 Buddy Horton (Pastor Scotts cousin), **The Family of Howard Kaylor (Service 5/17 1:00pm)**, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, Darrin Miller, Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), Crystal Reed (Lori Schmidt's daughter-in-law), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Staci Shafer, **Thelma Summers**, Margaret Wagner, Angela Yamashita.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Rich Owens.

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

This weeks Children's Church leader is Kristen Joy.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector next week is Tina Shafer

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

- 4/27 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
- 4/29 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/30 Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 5/1 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
Zion Youth Fellowship 6:00pm

Birthdays

- 4/28 Michael Heyser
- 5/3 Mark Shroyer

Anniversaries

- 4/30 Alice & Scott Barr

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack will be collecting **Granola Bars** during the month of **May**.

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting **Laundry Pods** for the month of **May**. 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.

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**

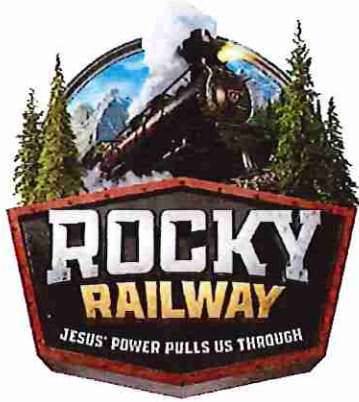
Youth & Young Adults - This class is for 6th Graders through 23-year-olds and will be held upstairs in the Youth Room.

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

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

GRADUATION - Do you have a student/grandchild graduating this year? Please send us some information such as Name, School/College, Special Interests, etc. by **April 30th**. Send this information to Megan Shroyer, Ms. Kim, or the church office. We are going to celebrate all the graduates during the **May 18th** at worship.

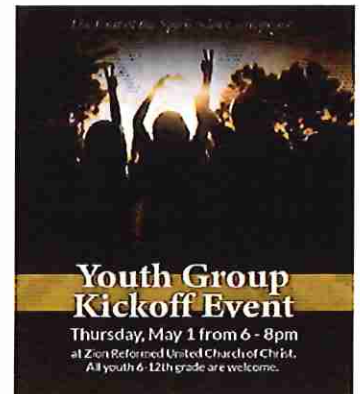
YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Please save July 6-10th for a mission trip. We will drive to New Bern, N.C. to help with hurricane recovery. We have a house with 58 beds reserved and will be working with a construction team. Youth and chaperones have first choice with a **March 31 registration deadline**. All additional 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



VBS-We need some help with Vacation Bible School(VBS), June 23 – June 26. Our theme is Rocky Railway-"Jesus' power pulls us through". We have a TRAIN Station board setup in the Chapel. There are some trains that need some items on them for VBS. When the train leaves the station (board), please put your name and item on the list. All items need to be returned by June 1st. If you have any questions, please see Megan or Ms. Kim.

Youth Group Kickoff – Thursday May 1, 2025 6:00pm - 8:00pm, upstairs in the Zion Youth Room. All youth, 6-12th grade, are welcome to our Youth Group Kick-off Event. We have invited youth from other churches in our community to come and join us.

For more info contact Megan or Ms. Kim.



Join us on Saturday

May 31, 2025

On the C&O Canal Towpath

Check-in location for all hikers:

Shepherd's Spring Camp & Retreat Center
16869 Taylors Landing Rd., Sharpsburg, Md.

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- ➔ Half-marathon (13 miles)

Registration fees
on the back.

Proceeds benefit HARC, Micah's Backpack, Refugee Welcome Network



**2-1 Match by
God's Grace Fund!**

Every dollar
raised over
the \$200
suggested
fundraising
goal for each
participant
will be matched 2-1



Up for a bigger
challenge? Join us
on **Saturday, May 17**
for our Challenge Hike:
20 miles on the AT!

Details on our website
harccoalition.org/hike

Service Credits
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April 27

Gathering music: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Composed by Frederick C. Maker. Arr. by Henry Balcombe. © 2002 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

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Prelude: *It Is No Secret.* Composed by Stuart Hamblin. © 1950 by Duchess Music Corp. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Christ Is Alive!* GG 246. Tune: Truro. Composed by Brian Wren (1968). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Now the Green Blade Rises. GG 247. Tune Noel Nouvelet. 15th century French Carol. Words by John M. C. Crum. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Thine Is the Glory. GG 238. Tune: Judas Maccabeus. Composed by Georg Frederic Handel. Words by Edmund Louis Budry. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Like a Melody/Life is a Symphony.* Composed by J. Byrl Sessions and Beatrice Bush Bixler.

Offertory: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.* Composed by Georg Frederic Handel. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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