

May 11, 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

Kinderszenen (Scenes of Childhood)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

All: Adonai is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

One: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

All: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

One: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

All: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

One: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

All: And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.

*HYMN PURPLE 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

PRAYER OF HOPE (Unison)

Anger, hatred, and anguish blare at us from the newspapers, and media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, and still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Adonai, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear! You can place your trust in God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. Rejoice, for you are loved by God.

CHORAL REFRAIN Purple 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23, NRSV

Lector: Jean Simmons

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.
One: Listen to what the Spirit teaches.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Acts 9: 36-43, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jean Simmons

Now in Joppa there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha—"Dorcas," in Greek—who never tired of doing kind things or giving to charity. About this time she grew ill and died. They washed her body and laid her out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples sent two couriers to Peter with the urgent request, "Please come over to us without delay." Peter set out with them as they asked.

Upon his arrival, they took him upstairs to the room. All the townswomen who had been widowed stood beside him weeping, and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them. Peter first made everyone go outside, then knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up."

She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers—including the widows—to show them that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa and, because of it, many came to believe in Jesus Christ. Peter remained awhile in Joppa, staying with Simon, a leather tanner.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON She Is Risen

Rev. Dr. E Scott Winnette

*HYMN PURPLE 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

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.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Ave Maria

* 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)

We return our thanks, Holy One, offering a portion of our earnings to foster the works of this community in bringing care, joy, peace, and justice to our world.

*HYMN PURPLE 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,
send us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Joyous Procession (Procesion Alegre)

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:

Holly Bell, Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Naomi Brackett, Pat Brackett (Naomi's Sister-in-law), Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, **Kim & Bill Cook**, Family of Fay Doppel (Barb Hendershot's sister-in-law), Donna France, **The Family of Sally Glover (Wife of Carl Glover)**, 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 Scott's 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, and Angela Yamashita.

Worship Leaders

The lector this week is Jean Simmons.

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

This week's Children's Church leader is Becky Hohman.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rae Smith.

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

- 5/11 Sunday School 9:45am
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Youth & Young Adults Class 12:00pm following worship
- 5/13 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC monthly meeting 12:30pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 5/14 Jonathan Hager Celebration Meeting 11:00am
Potluck & Devotional 6:00pm
- 5/15 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
Zion Youth Fellowship 6:00pm
- 5/17 Memorial Service for Howard Kaylor 1:00pm

Birthdays

- 5/11 Marilyn Newlin
- 5/12 Becky Hohman
- 5/13 Kelly Weicht
- 5/17 Brandon Hackett
- 5/17 Corey Green

Anniversaries

- 5/16 Amy & Brandon Hackett

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

The Arthur Grove Class is a Bible-based study and discussion group for adults led by David Ridenour and Rae Smith. Attend in person or via Zoom. **Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867 Password: Peace**

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

The Children's Sunday School is for young people Pre-K through 5th grade. The teaching is based on that week's scripture readings and is led by Miss Kim.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK & DEVOTIONAL – Enjoy the comradery and a potluck dinner while studying the devotional for the week.

DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN YOUTH GROUP - Meets Thursday evenings 6:00 – 8:00pm for fun, fellowship, service and conversation.

GRADUATION - Do you have a student/child/grandchild graduating this year? Please send us his/her name, school/college, special interests/major, etc., **TODAY** to Megan Shroyer, Ms. Kim, or the church office. All of our graduates will be celebrated during the **May 18th** worship service.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
May 11
Mothers' Day

Gathering music: Kinderszenen. (Scenes of Childhood). Composed by Robert Schumann. © Edwin F. Kalmus.
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Hymns: Come, Great God of All the Ages. GG 309. Tune: Abbot's Leigh. Composed by Cyril Vincent Taylor.
Words by Mary Jackson Cathey. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion
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In Christ There Is No East or West. GG 318. Tune: St. Peter C. M. Composed by Alexander
Robert Reinagle. Words by John Oxenham. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of
Zion Reformed UCC.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King. GG 363. Tune: Darwall's 148th. Composed by John Darwall. Words
by Charles Wesley. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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