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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 & BELLS

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major
Finlandia: Song of Peace*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When, in Our Music, God is Glorified

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling through the words of prophets: "the ultimate measure of a [person] is not where [they] stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where [they] stand at times of challenge and controversy."*

All: In difficult times, God calls us to join the movement of courageous truth-tellers.

One: In comfortable times, God calls us to join the movement of silence-breakers.

All: In times of struggle, God calls us to join the movement toward freedom.

One: In times of peace, God calls us to join the movement toward justice.

All: In all times, God calls us to join with the movement of the spirit.

One: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling: "Do not say I am only a child, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."

All: Let us worship God, listening for the voice that calls us to proclaim the good news and join the movement of love.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.

*HYMN Purple 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of justice and mercy, you call us to speak prophetically amid difficult times. We admit that sometimes we are unwilling to give up our comfort and safety to follow where your voice leads us. When we use excuses like, we can't find the right words, or the moment has passed, or it would have been rude to say...forgive us.

Give us the courage to join the movement toward racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice, by speaking your words of hope, peace and love, even when we are fearful. Guide us as we seek to find new ways to follow your call of truth-telling. In the name of the one who is the Word of love that we speak, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us, the sin within us, the work before us, God's movement of mercy, peace and justice is being revealed in our midst.

All: The good news is that we are forgiven and fed.

One: Our burden is lifted; we are empowered to follow the movement of the Spirit.

All: The liberating love of God is at work within us. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE See Insert

Let There Be Peace on Earth

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:1-7, NRSV

Lector: Jim Ridgely

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

One: Word of Life. Word of Love.

All: We are listening.

ANTHEM

I Have a Dream

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

Psalm 40, NRSV

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false Gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Shalom Starts Here

Rev. Michelle Beadle

*HYMN NCH 433

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We share from what we have and from who we are as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor. May these gifts bring light to those in need, and put the joy of the God's Love in their hearts.

OFFERTORY

Let Us All Together Praise Our God

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)

In this moment draw us to yourself, God,
and make us aware not so much of what we have given
as of all that we have received and so have yet to share.
Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage
to live out in the world what we pray and profess,
that in sharing, we may do justice, make peace, grow in love,
enjoy ourselves, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer of Ted Loder

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER THAT 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.
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 Purple 645**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

***BENEDICTION**

One: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

All: *Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.*

One: Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

All: *Let us dream together, pray together, work together,*

One: to build one world of peace, love and justice for all.

All: *Amen and Amen!*

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Today's altar flowers are in Loving Memory of Mr & Mrs Coffman by their family.

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

The asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

The BOLD FACE indicates when the congregation is invited to speak in unison.



The Rev. Michelle Beadle is the executive assistant to the general secretary at the General Board of Church and Society. She provides administrative support for the general secretary, manages board meetings and correspondence, serves on the Development Work Team, and advocates for disability rights on behalf of The United Methodist Church as part of the Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition.

Before joining the General Board of Church and Society, Michelle served in congregational and community ministries from 2002-2017. Ordained clergy with the United Church of Christ, she continues to serve as a pulpit supply pastor.

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 who 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:

Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Eddie Barr, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, The Family of Bill Cook, Steve Cavey (Uncle of Tina Shafer), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Jim Hatfield, **Beth Hauver**, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Vicki Krouse (friend of Barb Ware), Mary Lorfing, Trish Lowman, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), George & Mary Pietsch (Rae's daughter and son-in-law), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Angie Schaff, Tina Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Christel, Christoph, and Anna Wolbring (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Jim Ridgely.

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Tina Shafer.

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

Next Week's Children's Church is Megan Shroyer

1/19 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

1/20 Staff Meeting 11:00am

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

1/21 Potluck and Study 6:00pm

1/22 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm

Choir Practice 5:30pm

BIRTHDAYS

1/22 Holly Bell

1/22 Scott Richardson

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:45 Adult Sunday School – In-person and Zoom

Children's Sunday School Class

Young Adult Class/Bible Study - Second and Fourth Sundays of the month

10:30 Children's Choir in the Music Room

10:35 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive

Children's Church – every other week

12:00 Fellowship

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Peanut Butter for the month of January. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Canned Soups for the month of January.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

USHER TRAINING

We will be offering an usher training event after worship today. We will gather in the Burhans Room for a simple lunch. If you are interested in joining a team, please come.

CHILI COOK-OFF AND QUIZBOWL. JANUARY 24, 6-8PM

Join our trivia game night and compete with your favorite Chili recipe. We will have tables competing against tables in trivia under the direction of Quiz mistress Mary Mannix. Start forming your teams.

WEDNESDAY EVENING POTLUCK AND STUDY GROUP

Hungry for new information, insight, and of course good food? Then come on out on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with others and join in the discussions, fellowship and good food.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Every Sunday after worship a bunch of us get together and go out for lunch, fellowship and lots of laughter. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us. We try to patronize a different local eatery each week. We meet up in the chapel right after worship and that is when we usually decide where we are going. Come join us whenever you can.

EASY-CISE CLASS

Join us at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month for our Easy-cise Class. Easy-cise is a resistance-based fitness class that helps with core and arm workouts designed for beginners, those with limited mobility, or anyone who prefers seated exercises.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The ZION Walkers will be out raising money for REACH of Washington County during the Coldest Night of the Year Event on Saturday, February 28 at Hagerstown Community College. Walkers may check in at the ARCC beginning at 4 pm. The walk itself begins at 5 pm. It is followed by a light meal for the walkers. If you are not able to walk, please consider making a pledge or donation to the Zion Team. Questions? Ask Carroll Sager. Please use the following link to either register to be a participant or to donate to a member of the ZION Team: <https://cnoy.com/location/hagerstown>

CINDERELLA SHOP

March is right around the corner. That means it's Cinderella Shop time! The Shop will be open every Saturday morning in March from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers and to guard the door as visitors come and go. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the Chapel area.

Service Credits

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

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower. NCH 433. Tune: Promise. Composed by Natalie Sleeth (1985). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good. Purple 645. Tune: Mit Freuden Zart. Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesling (1566). Words by Johann J. Schutz (1675). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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