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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*



## GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

## *Deck, Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Cards  
Valentine's Concert  
Valentine's Cupcakes  
Cinderella Shop  
Coldest Night of the Year

## PRELUDE

## *Nicaea*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Spirit, open unto us.

All: Open unto us—light for our darkness.  
Open unto us—courage for our fear.  
Open unto us—hope for our despair.

One: Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.

All: Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.  
Open unto us—strength for our weakness.  
Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.

One: Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.

All: Open unto us—love for our hates.  
Open unto us—thy Self for ourselves.  
God, God, open unto us! Amen.

Adapted from Howard Thurman

**\*HYMN Purple 744**

## *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

One: They were brothers.  
**All: Abel kept sheep. Cain a farmer.**  
 One: When Cain brought God gifts, grains and vegetables,  
**All: yet he heard no praise.**  
 One: But Cain thought he heard God celebrate Abel's gifts of fatty meats.  
**All: Jealousy rose within him.**  
 One: God bless us that we learn to hear our angry jealousy, sit with it, and then pray You grant us the courage and peace to pour it away.  
**All: Cain festered,**  
 One: argued against God,  
**All: lured his brother to a field**  
 One: and killed him.  
**All: God teach us to hear our sibling rivalries, hear our sibling racisms,**  
 One: see them around us,  
**All: then pray that God grant us the courage and peace to speak of them, and pour them away.**  
 One: God grant us the patience to be the best siblings;  
**All: loving, protecting, holding, uplifting, embracing, and trusting.**  
 With hope we pray. Amen.

## RESPONSE OF HOPE

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God our creator, children all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
 AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

## SCRIPTURE Micah 6:6-8

Lector: Rae Smith

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

One: Word of Love, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**WORD WITH THE CHILDREN***Let there be peace on earth: and let it begin with me*

by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

**ANTHEM***Day by Day***SCRIPTURE** **Isaiah 58:1-12**

Lector: Rae Smith

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of God shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and Spirit will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. God will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Fasting for Justice

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

**\* HYMN NCH 177***God of Change and Glory***OFFERTORY***Oh, Worship the King*

## 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

## MORNING PRAYER

### 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 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

## BENEDICTION

One: God from here with open arms, with heads held high and with love in your hearts.  
All: **Each of us is beautiful and loved by God.**  
One: Always remember that, and believe in the power of God's love at work within you.  
All: **We are prepared to leave and follow our dreams.**  
One: Grab hold of your future and change your world.  
All: **We are empowered by the example of Jesus to live and to love with greater abandonment. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 43 (refrain)

*On Eagle's Wings*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings  
bear you on the breath of dawn  
make you to shine like the sun  
and hold you in the palm of His hand

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.

## 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, Steve Cavey (Uncle of Tina Shafer), **Kim Cook, Erin Corrado and her 7yr old son Branson (friends of Holly Bell)**, 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, **Family of John Miller**, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), **George & Mary Pietsch**, 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.



We celebrate the birth of James Garrett Kuhn, Grandson of Crystal and Bob Frazier.



Join us on Ash Wednesday for a Pot-luck Dinner at 6:00pm  
followed by our Worship Service at 7:00pm.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

The lector this week is Rae Smith.

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

## **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR**

The lector for next week is Barb Ware.

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

Next Week's Children's Church Leader is Tina Shafer.

- 2/10 Staff Meeting 11:00am  
HARC Lighthouse Steering Committee 12:00pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 2/11 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- 2/12 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 2/13 Newsletter Article Deadline
- 2/14 Easy-cise Class 9:00am  
Valentine's Day Organ & Trumpet Concert 2:00pm
- 2/15 Cupcake Decorating after Worship 12:00pm

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/8 Brett Hendershot
- 2/8 Liliana Shroyer
- 2/12 Alyn Wilson

## **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](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive)  
Children's Church – every other week
- 12:00 Fellowship
- 12:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Micah's Backpack is collecting Peanut Butter for the month of February.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## **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.

## **VALENTINE CONCERT**

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Claire Marie Moblard and Byron Stay will present a Valentine Concert. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music and still have time for your Valentines evening plans.

## **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

CCLI Number: 6212519

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Gathering music: *Deck, Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Nicæa*. Composed by John B. Dykes. Arr. by Robert Hebble. © 1982 by Dreena Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Arise, Your Light is Come*. Purple 744. Tune: Whitney. Composed by Maurice C. Whitney (1962). Words by Christina G. Rossetti (1885). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*God of Change and Glory*. NCH 177. Tune: Katherine. Composed by Al Carmines (1973). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*. Purple 260. Tune Hyferdol. Composed by Roland Hugh Prichard (1834). Words by William Chatterton Dix. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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