



February 15, 2026

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cupcakes
Valentine's Concert
Easter Flowers
Annual Reports
Coldest Night
Cinderella Shop

PRELUDE

Rise, O Children of Salvation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, glorious and faithful, seek our sincere hearts.
All: **God reveal the beauty of your divine love.**
One: God, open our hearts to your transfiguring power.
All: **God, reveal the beauty of your divine love.**
One: God, transform us into your beloved disciples.
All: **Then, our hearts, open to your love, will praise you in worship
this day. Alleluia, Amen.**

*HYMN Purple 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, we confess that we have passed judgment on your servants. We have classified our brothers and sisters by our own faulty standards to decide who is worthy. We have rejected those who do not see things our way and looked down upon those who make different decisions. We have lived according to our own way of seeing, rather than living to the Lord and walking in love. Forgive us, merciful judge, for creating division in your kingdom. Save us from the pain we inflict on each other. Teach us to live together in true peace and righteous joy, serving you by loving all. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the Good News! God forgives our sins and surrounds us with constant love. We are made to understand this forgiveness only when we share it with others. Jesus points to unlimited willingness to forgive. Friends, believe this Good News!
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

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 Exodus 24:12-18, NRSV

Lector: Barb Ware

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

One: Word of Glory. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

This Is My Commandment and Love Canon

WORD WITH CHILDREN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining Members: Alicia Montgomery, Joe Montgomery, Kathleen Wood, Richard Hayslit, and Beth Baseler

STATEMENT OF FAITH: UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Statement Of Expectations For Joining Members - Becky Hohman, Consistory President

In response to our covenant and as an essential means of fulfilling it we expect the following from all members. We expect to find you at worship frequently; we assume you will be part of our circle around the Lord's Table. We assume you will want to continue to learn and to grow through sharing in our educational programs. We assume you are open to involvement in our servant forms of ministry in and beyond our church. We assume you will take a leadership role when possible and that you will set aside a responsible portion of your income for the financial support of our ministry in and beyond Hagerstown.

Statement Of Expectations Of Joining Members - Becky Hohman, Consistory President

You may expect from us, your fellow members, every feasible opportunity for spiritual, personal, and social growth. To facilitate this, we will share with you our gifts of experience and understanding in matters of life and faith. In your times of decision, stress and grief, you may expect us to be by your side. You may likewise expect us to want to be with you in your times of joy and celebration. From our pastor, you may expect sound preaching, good counsel, informed teaching, leadership in community service, and always a willingness to listen and share with you. What we give you as your fellow members is our trust, and we ask yours in return.

Acceptance Of Membership

Understanding the content of our covenant and hearing the expectations of fellow members, do you accept our invitation to membership?
If so, answer: **"Yes, with the help of God and my fellow members."**

Welcome of the Congregation

Do you, the members of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ accept these marvelous friends as fellow members?
If so, answer: **"We do with joy!"**

Unison Words of Welcome

We welcome you with thanksgiving as partners in the vital ministries of the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Christ. God grant that together we may live out the claims of our faith and continue to grow into the fullness and maturity of life known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 726, Verses 1 & 5

Will You Come And Follow Me

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, enlighten us with your fire from heaven. Help us to see and listen to your wisdom, that the Good News of your commandments and grace may be chiseled on our hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9, NRSV

Lector: Barb Ware

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Our Common Companions

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN Purple 321

The Church's One Foundation.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

Processional on "Hymn to Joy"

*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)

Giver of all that is good, we give thanks for your mercies: for your goodness that creates us, your grace that sustains us, your discipline that corrects us, your patience that bears with us, and your love that redeems us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

BENEDICTION

One: Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory. Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you, but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him from the places of revelation to the places of mission.

And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

All: In the name of Christ. 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

POSTLUDE

Joyous Procession

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

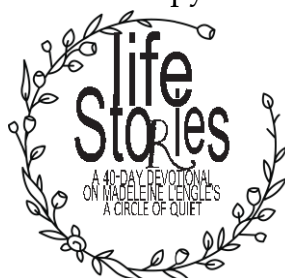
Zion siblings:

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, 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.



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

Copies of **Life Stories** by Madeleine L'Engle's, a 40-day Lenten Devotional, are on the table with today's bulletins. Please help yourself to a copy.



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
- 12:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Barb Ware.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, and John Schnebly.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rick Waters.

Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, and Rick Waters.

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

- 2/17 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
Cupcake Decorating after Worship 12:00pm
Dinner Theater Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 2/18 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
- 2/19 Choir Practice 5:30pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/20 Linda Cantilena
2/23 Edward Lowman

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.

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: *Ciacona in d.* Composed by Johan Pachelbel. © by Belwin Mills. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Rise, O Children of Salvation.* Composed by Joachim Neander. Arr. by David Cherwien. © 1981 by Summa Productions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.* Purple 1. Tune: Nicaea. Composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1861). Words by Reginald Heber (1827). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

The Church's One Foundation. Purple 321. Tune: Aurelia. Composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864). Words by Samuel John Stone (1866). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty. Purple 35. Tune: Lobe Den Herren. Composed by Erneuertten Gesangbuch. Words by Joachim Neander. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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