



March 1, 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.*

Second Sunday of Lent ☛ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS

*Old Hundredth
Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks that God is good.

All: Let us celebrate the feast.

One: Give thanks that Jesus is kind.

All: Let us celebrate the feast.

One: Give thanks that we are alive.

All: Let us celebrate the feast.

One: Glory to God!

All: What more can we say?!

One: Glory to God!

All: Your life is our story!

One: Glory to God!

All: Your love is our way! Amen.

*HYMN Purple 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

PRAYER OF HOPE

One: Let us open our lives to God and ask for forgiveness and grace: On those times when we have kept your resurrection as a past event rather than a present encounter: Holy One, have mercy.

All: Holy One, have mercy.

One: On those times when we have been blind to your presence: Holy One, have mercy.

All: Holy One, have mercy.

One: On those times when we have failed to live as those who have risen with Christ: Holy One, have mercy.

All: Holy One, have mercy.

One: To all who turn to him, Christ says, 'Your sins are forgiven.' He also says, 'Come, follow me.'

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

CHORAL REFRAIN

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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121, NRSV

Lector: Rae Smith

I lift my eyes to the mountains—
from where will my help come? My help comes from Adonai,
who made heaven and earth! Adonai won't let our footsteps slip:
our Guardian never sleeps. The Guardian of Israel
will never slumber, never sleep! Adonai is our Guardian;
Adonai is our shade: with God by our side,
The sun cannot overpower us by day, nor the moon at night.
Adonai guards us from harm, guards our lives.
Adonai guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.
One: Word of God. Word of Love.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of promise, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to trust you more deeply. Give us courage to follow where you lead and grace to receive the new life you offer. By your Spirit, shape us into people who live by faith. Through Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:1-6, NRSV

Lector: Rae Smith

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Coercion's Like Nailing Jello to a Tree

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: Christ invites “all” to the table of reconciliation – those who affirm their intrinsic worth, and those who are yet to do so...those whose hearts and minds are admirable, and those still struggling to make them so...those who are most like us, and those who are least like us. In the spirit of Christ, we at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ welcome you to share your spiritual journey with us as we share ours with you in a sacrament designed to bridge all differences in a spirit of extravagant welcome, of heartfelt openness, and of mutual loving-kindness.

All: In coming together, let us recognize our responsibility in living in love and peace with one another and all creation so as to be joined together as one Holy Communion of Body and Spirit throughout this good earth.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: As we partake of this bread and fruit, we honor the Creator and creation.
As we bless and share these gifts, we celebrate the table-fellowship of Jesus.
All are worthy, all are welcome!

As we receive the fruits of the Spirit, we celebrate the communion of all things.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit dance as one. So may it always be.

**All: Come, Holy One, come.
Bless and prosper this meal;
bless and prosper this fellowship;
bless and prosper our lives,
that justice and love may be the measure of our common witness. Amen.**

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND JUICE

In the Garden

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 sins,
As we forgive those that sin against us.
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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

*DOXOLOGY

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*BENEDICTION

One: Hands that join.

All: Hands that reach over barriers.

One: Hands that cause change.

All: Hands that show love to their neighbors.

One: May the God of justice and creativity empower us to share our power and love to create new hope for neighbors near and far. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 43 (refrain)

And God 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

The Revival March

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.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

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), **Christ Reformed Church (Pastoral transition)**, 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, 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, **Henry Rothrock (Missie LaBombard's father)**, Angie Schaff, Tina Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), **Tom & Linda VanMetre (friends of the Ware's and members of CRC)**, Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Christel, Christoph, and Anna Wolbring (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, March 8th, we will hold our Congregational Meeting after worship. Chicken and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel for sides and deserts.

Copies of **Life Stories** by Madeleine L'Engle, 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 Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are TBD, Tina Shafer, Barb Ware, and Kathleen Wood.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Barb Hendershot.

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Blaine Dockery, Judy Thompson, and Cowboy Ward.

Next week's Children's Church Leader is Kristen Joy.

- 3/2 VB Meeting 6:00pm
- 3/3 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 3/4 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- 3/5 Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 3/7 Cinderella Shop 9:00am - 12:00pm
- 3/8 Congregational Meeting after worship.
- 3/8 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** - Move clocks up 1 hour

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/3 Page Wise
- 3/5 Ellen Barr
- 3/5 Billie Keller
- 3/7 Linda Frakes
- 3/7 Tina Shafer

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

We will be holding a Parents Night Out on March 14th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. If you would like to take advantage of an evening without the kids let Miss Kim know so she will know how many children to expect.

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

Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent for food and Bible Study. This Wednesday we will be taking a closer look at Matthew 6: 5-15. 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.

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.

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March 1

Gathering music: *Old Hundredth.* © 1951 by Oliver Dixon.

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Composed by George William Warren (1892). Words by Daniel Crane Roberts (1876). Performed
by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

This Is My Song. Purple 340. Tune: Finlandia. Composed by Jean Sibelius
(1899). Words by Lloyd Stone. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard
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In the Midst of New Dimensions. Purple 315. Tune: New Dimensions.
Composed by Julian B. Rush (1979). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard
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Offertory: *Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need."* Composed by Robert
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