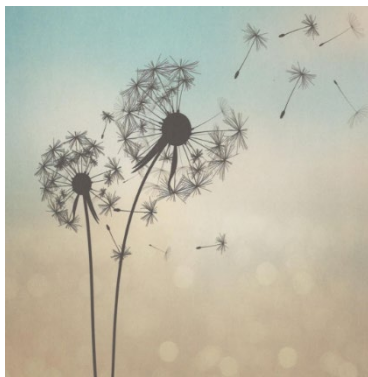


March 22, 2026

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.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent ☩ 11:00



GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Christ lag in Todesbanden
Were You There?*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

All: **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us
—God is doing a new thing!**

One: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

All: **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us
—God is doing a new thing!**

One: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

All: **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**

*HYMN Purple 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of Mystery and Might,
You call us
through all the nights and days of our living
to trust, to respond, to rejoice,
with harmony and hope.
But we confess that the voices we hear
belong to the world, and not to you.
And when you call
we are too distracted to listen.
Tenacious Lord, come to us this day.
With forgiveness and freedom,
call us again and again,
until we surrender to your grace and purpose.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Silence for Personal Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Phil. 3:13-14

Forgetting what lies behind,
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

AREADING Bone, By Mary Oliver

Lector: Carol Mooers

Understand, I am always trying to figure out
what the soul is,
and where hidden,
and what shape
and so, last week,
when I found on the beach
the ear bone
of a pilot whale that may have died
hundreds of years ago, I thought
maybe I was close
to discovering something
for the ear bone

is the portion that lasts longest
in any of us, man or whale; shaped
like a squat spoon
with a pink scoop where
once, in the lively swimmer's head,
it joined its two sisters
in the house of hearing,
it was only
two inches long
and thought: the soul
might be like this
so hard, so necessary

yet almost nothing.
Beside me
the gray sea
was opening and shutting its wave-doors,
unfolding over and over
its time-ridiculing roar;
I looked but I couldn't see anything

through its dark-knit glare;
yet don't we all know, the golden sand
is there at the bottom,
though our eyes have never seen it,
nor can our hands ever catch it

lest we would sift it down
into fractions, and facts
certainties
and what the soul is, also
I believe I will never quite know.
Though I play at the edges of knowing,
truly I know
our part is not knowing,
but looking, and touching, and loving,
which is the way I walked on,
softly,
through the pale-pink morning light.

ANTHEM

Advent Credo

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Carol Mooers

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.” And God said, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: ‘Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH! Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.’ ” So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then God said to me, “Prophecy to the wind;* prophecy, mere mortal, and say to it: ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ” I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet—a vast multitude. Then God said to me, “Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.’ Prophecy, therefore, and say to them, ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.’ ”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN

Song of the God's Reviving
From Wild Goose Worship Group - after Ezekiel 37, Tune: Abbot's Leigh

To death's dark valley God has brought me;
bid me stop and look around:
see the bones of all my people,
strewn and lifeless on the ground;
dislocated, disconnected,
broken signs of hopeless pain:
God now asks of me, mere mortal,
'Can these bones now live again?'

'God, that really is my question;
you alone renew the earth;
you can breathe into the lifeless power
to bring them to new birth.'
'Not alone,' the Spirit answers. 'You're
not powerless, helpless, weak.
I am with you, I will help you.
Summon courage, dare to speak.'

So, I sought the Spirit's presence:
'Blow, creative wind of God:
come to those from life excluded,
send your new life wide abroad.'
Soon the bones are knit together;
soon the sinews strain and strive;
skin and flesh the bones recover –
wondrously, all is alive.

Come creative, moving Spirit,
blow among your people here.
From our lifeless isolation
lead us out and draw us near;
close to you and one another,
close to Christ whose way we tread;
form a people of his purpose,
we his body, he our head.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Nocturne in G Major

DOXOLOGY Red 11

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)

To your name, Lord Jesus,
help us to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking,
bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving.
God, help us worship you in all we do. Amen

*HYMN Purple 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

BENEDICTION

*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

Dorian Toccata in d minor

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.

We would love to be texting you information about the church. Please give us permission by writing our name and cell phone number .

Name _____

Cell phone number _____

Tear this out of the bulletin and place it in the collection plate.

Thank you.

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, **Becky Arnemann**, 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, 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, **Kim Ridenour**, Wells Ridenour, Henry Rothrock (Missie LaBombard's father), Angie Schaff, Tina Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), **Linda & Tom VanMetre**, 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 Carol Mooers.

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Lisa Saum, and Jean Simmons.
This week's Children's Church Leader is Susie Clutz.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Rick Waters.

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

- 3/24 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 3/25 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- 3/26 Clergy Group 10:00am
Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 3/28 Cinderella Shop 9:00am - 12:00pm
Put up Easter Cross 4:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/23 Calvin Livingston

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Micah's Backpack is collecting Pudding and Jello Cups for the month of March.

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 Luke 9:1-6 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

It's March Madness Time AND 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.



**Join us Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026 at 6:00pm**

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ will be hosting a traditional Seder dinner and Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday evening, April 2, 2026 at 6:00pm in our chapel.

This is a wonderful way to experience Christ's last supper and learn where our Communion service originated.

There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, or you can contact the church office to reserve your seats, as we are only offering 60 seats for this event. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 28, 2026.

Tickets are \$15 per person and 2 for \$25.



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March 22

Gathering music: *Christ lag in Todesbanden*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Were You There? Arr. by C. M. Moblard. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter)
and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. Composed by George J. Elvey. Arr. by Jason D.
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(organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. Purple 221. Tune: Passion Chorale. Composed
by J. S. Bach (1729). Twelfth Century text. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M.
Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

There is a Green Hill Far Away. Red 149. Tune: Meditation. Composed by John
H. Gower (1890). Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1848). Performed by Byron L. Stay
(trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory. Purple 213. Tune: Rathbun. Composed by
Ithamar Conkey (1849). Words by John Bowring (1825). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter)
and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Choir Anthem: *Advent Credo*.

Offertory: *Nocturne in G Major*. Composed by John Field. © 1991 by Universal Edition.
Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Dorian Toccata in d minor*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.
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