



March 29, 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.*

Palm Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

Prealudium in E Flat Major

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule: Seder Dinner/Maundy Thursday, HARC Good Friday walk at City Park 1:00pm, Decorate the Cross, Sunrise Easter Service at Christ Reformed 6:30am, our Easter Service at the Cross 10:30am, Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am

PRELUDE

Royal Procession on St. Theodulph

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming

All: shout hosanna

One: he's riding on a donkey

All: shout hosanna

One: open the gates

All: shout hosanna

One: open the ancient doors

All: shout hosanna

One: don't be afraid

All: shout hosanna

One: wave the branches

All: shout hosanna

One: spread out your coats

All: shout hosanna

One: peace in heaven

All: shout hosanna

One: glory in highest heaven

All: shout hosanna

*HYMN Purple 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: Jesus Christ,

... over the broken glass of our world,
the rumors meant to hurt,
the prejudice meant to wound,
the weapons meant to kill,
ride on...

trampling our attempts at disaster into dust. Ride on, (music)

All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

One: ... over the distance
which separates us from you,
and it is such a distance,
measurable in half-truths,
in unkept promises,
in second-best obedience,
ride on ...
until you touch and heal us,
who feel for no one but ourselves. Ride on,

All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

One: through the back streets
and the sin bins
and the sniggered-at corners of the city,
where human life festers
and love runs cold,
ride on ...
bringing hope and dignity
where most send scorn and silence. Ride on,

All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY.

One: For you, O Christ, do care
and must show us how.
On our own,
our ambitions rival your summons
and thus threaten good faith
and neglect God's people.
In your company and at your side,
we might yet help to bandage and heal
the wounds of the world. Ride on,

**All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY
AND TAKE US WITH YOU. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, there is Good News even in bad times.

All: Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.

I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who
 answer our prayers
 and invite us to new Life.
The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the foundation
 of our lives.
This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which You have made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
 We welcome You into our hearts
 as Loving Companion Presence!
Blessed are all who enter through
 your gates!
 Blessed are all who dwell
 in the house of Love!
For You lead the Way, You forgive
 our misguided ways, and
 You bring Light into darkness.
Come, all you who will, partake of
 the Great Banquet!

You are my Beloved, and I will
 give thanks to You;
 You are my Beloved, greatly
 will I praise You!

We give thanks to You, O Blessed One,
 for You are kind; your steadfast
 Love endures forever!
One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

Outside the Holy City

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-16, NRSV

Lector: Rick Waters

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the

bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard it. ¹⁵Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Donkey Questions

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN Purple 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Jesus, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Holy City

*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)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Love. Blessed are the gifts that are received in Christ's name. We come before you, O God, with the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Accept them as in Christ you accept us. Use what we bring, so that others can shout, "Hosanna, Christ Helps!" Amen.

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

*HYMN See Insert

The Palms

BENEDICTION

One: As we go now to our daily living, may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:
All: **as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;**
One: as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;
All: **as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts filled with joy.**
One: So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!
All: **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

Fugue in E Flat Major

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 your name and cell phone number.

Name _____

Cell phone number _____

Place this form 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, 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 Rick Waters.

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 Rich Owens.

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

Next week's Children's Church Leader is Megan Shroyer.

- 3/31 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/1 NO Potluck tonight
- 4/2 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
NO Choir Practice tonight
Maundy Thursday Service and Seder Dinner 6:00pm
- 4/3 Good Friday Office Closed
HARC Walk City Park 1:00pm
- 4/4 Decorate Easter Cross 4:00pm
- 4/5 Sunrise Service - Christ Reformed UCC 6:30am
Easter Sunday Service at our Cross 10:30am
Easter Service in Sanctuary 11:0am

BIRTHDAYS

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| 3/31 | Sue Graff | 4/2 | Delilah Bell |
| 4/4 | Aaron Kelly | 4/5 | Kristen Joy |
| 4/5 | Tess Summers | | |

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 Cereal - Boxes or Individual Servings - for the month of April. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Juice Boxes for the month of April.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

WEDNESDAY EVENING POTLUCK AND STUDY GROUP

There will be no potluck meeting this week as there is a lot going on during Holy Week. See you again on April 8th when we will start a new study adventure.

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

Many thanks to the incredible group of volunteers who made this Cinderella Shop season so successful! Details were not available at press time but will be shared next week.



**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.

The service is a meal in the Chapel.

We request a donation of \$15 per person and \$25 for a couple.

If you cannot make the donation, please come anyway and let Pastor Scott know.



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Gathering music: *Prealudium in E Flat Major*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer.
Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Royal Procession on St. Theodulph*. Composed by Melchoir Teschner. Arr. by Dan Miller. © 1999 by Morningstar Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. Purple 196. Tune: Valet Will Ichdir Geben. Composed by Melchior Teschner. Words by Theodulph of Orleans (820). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Crown Him with Many Crowns. Purple 268. Tune: Diadamata. Composed by George Job Elvey. Words by Matthew Bridges (1851). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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