



April 12, 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.*

Sunday Worship

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*Andante in C
Phantasie N. 4*

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Pirates of the Salty Dog, get your tickets now!

PRELUDE

Entrée Pontificale sur "Resurrexi"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.

All: **Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning and the future will be bright with hope.**

One: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength.

All: **We place ourselves before our God that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit.**

One: Rejoice, people of God! Walk with uprightness for God is compassionate luring us into this passion of concern.

All: **Our hearts shall be opened! Neighbors become friends. Strangers become siblings. Enemies become partners. Life becomes joyful. Praise be to God! Amen.**

*HYMN Purple 246

Christ is Alive!

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the good news; Christ is the Love of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing. 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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 147:13-21

Lector: Wells Ridenour
From Psalms for Praying © 2007 Nan C. Merrill

Praise the Beloved, Life of all life!
Invite Love into your heart!
For Divine Love gives strength to
the weak, with courage to face their fears.
Divine Love brings peace to the heart, peace that is beyond our knowledge.
Divine Love cuts through the ignorance
that fosters greed and arrogance,
humbling and breaking open the heart.
Divine Love severs the veil that
separates realms of the profane and sacred;
Holiness radiates through all
touched by Divine Love, a refining Fire!
Wisdom flows from the Heart of Divine Love
to all receptive hearts nurtured in the Silence.
Yes, the Divine Word is written on every heart-scroll,
a guide to pilgrims on the way.
May everyone awaken to Divine Love,
that peace and integrity and assurance
may be born again in every land.
One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

People Get Ready

WORD FOR CHILDREN *P. Zonka Lays an Egg* by Julie Paschkis

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen

But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: “And just who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side. “But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.’ “Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?” The answer came, “The one who showed compassion.” Jesus replied, “Then go and do the same.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Divine Tenderness

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN Red 136

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

MORNING PRAYERS

Eternal and life-giving God, we thank you that you are our only comfort in life and in death. We come before you today as people with grateful hearts, thankful for your loving kindness, your trustworthy promises, and your never-failing grace and love for us in Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers.

Loving God, our world is full of death and dying. We are tempted to believe that death has the final word. Help us remember, celebrate and embrace the Easter message of life everlasting, not just as hope for the future but as strength, power and motivation for living today. May we believe and show in all we do that nothing in all creation, not even death, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God of grace and God of glory, your Word is full of testimonies to your live-giving power and purpose. We thank you for believers who have shared their experiences of your grace and life that we may come to believe. Lord, help us live as faithful followers of our risen Lord. May all that we do point to the source of our life and hope, Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And now, as your beloved children, we are bold to pray together, **“Our Father...”**

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 who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Holy Designer of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. With glad and generous hearts, let us present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Jubilate

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from who all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, your Love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN Purple 238

Thine Is the Glory

*BENEDICTION

Whoever you are,
no matter how lovely or lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese,
harsh and exciting -- over and over
announcing your place in the family of things.
Go in peace.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

Fanfare for the Common Man
Toccata on "Easter Hymn"

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**.



Congratulations to Brett & Melissa Hendershot on the birth of their son Jesse Warren.

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, **Rev. Ronnie Lynch (Pastor of Faith Temple Church) & wife Kathy, The Family of Eva Jane Martin (LoriBeth's Mother-in-law)**, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), **Amy Moscato (Anthony's sister)**, 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 Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Wells Ridenour.

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jim Ridgely.

Next week's ushers are Christine Coleman, Blaine Dockery, Judy Thimpson, and Francis (Cowboy) Ward.

4/13 Newsletter Deadline

4/14 Staff Meeting 11:00am

HARC Lighthouse Steering Committee 12:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm

4/15 Potluck/Bible Study 6:00pm

4/16 Choir Practice 5:30pm

BIRTHDAYS

4/12 Robert Kefauver

4/17 Sally Stewart

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

10:20 Children's Choir in the Music Room

10:30 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

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.

PEW CARDS

Please complete the pew cards and place them into the offering plate. One is for prayer concerns and the other provides your contact information so we can thank you for joining us for worship.

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

Join us each Wednesday for food and Bible Study. This Wednesday we will be starting a new study series. 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.

ZION SENIOR DAY CENTER

Are you a senior looking for a welcoming place to enjoy meals, companionship, music, exercise, and activities? The Zion Senior Day Center offers a warm and engaging environment where you can connect and thrive.

How can you be part of this program?

1. Participate! If you are interested in joining, please fill out a registration form available in the chapel. An electronic form will also be available soon. Our soft launch is Friday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come all day or just some of the day!
2. Share Your Gifts. Do you have a special skill, hobby, or talent you could teach or share with our participants? We would love to have you involved!
3. Support a Participant. If you are not able to attend but would like to help, consider sponsoring a participant. As the program grows, a daily fee will be introduced—your financial support can help someone in need take part.

We look forward to building this community together! Please reach out to Megan Shroyer with questions.

SALTY DOG

A manic tale of a stolen treasure chest, sensational swashbuckling, mayhem, mischief, and MURD-ARRR!!!

A one act deadly dinner play by Zion UCC Dramatic Arts.

April 25, 2026 at 5:00pm. \$15 per ticket or 2 for \$25.

Service Credits
CCLI Number: 6212519
April 12

Gathering music: *Andante in C*, from Sonata K283.

Phantasie N. 4 K475. Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. © Calmus Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Entrée Pontificale sur "Resurrexi."* Composed by Dom Paul Benoit, O. S. B. © 1948 by J. Fischer & Bro. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: *Christ is Alive!* Purple 246. Tune: Truro. Musica Sacre (1778). Words by Brian Wren. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna. Red 136. Tune: Ellacombe. Katholischern Hofkapelle. Words by Jennette Threlfall (1973). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Thine Is the Glory. Purple 238. Tune: Judas Maccabeus. Composed by George Frederick Handel (1748). Words by Edmond Louis Budry. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *People Get Ready.* Composed by Curtis Mayfield. Arr. by Kirby Shaw. © 1964 by Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. CCLI number: 1155812

Offertory: *Jubilate.* Composed by Benjamin Carr. Arr. by Alice Jordan. © 1977 by Broadman Press. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Fanfare for the Common Man.* Composed by Aaron Copland. © 1944 by Boosey & Hawkes.

Toccata on "Easter Hymn." From the Compleat Psalmodist (1749). Arr. by Diane Bish. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.