



April 19, 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

Praeludium und Fuge in c minor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week to purchase play tickets

PRELUDE

*Sunshine in My Soul
This Little Light of Mine*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Mother of creation bids us to dance for joy.

All: O Mother God, liberate our feet to dance for your pleasure!

One: The Father of creation bids us to make a joyful noise.

All: O Father God, liberate our voices to cry out your glory!

One: The Creator of all that lives bids us to spread our joy.

All: O Creator God, liberate our hearts and cast out sorrow!

One: O Holy One, your extravagant creation is full of love and pleasure.

Inspire us to love life, so that we may better work for justice.

All: We come before you as your people of delight! Amen and Alleluia!

*HYMN Purple 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Living Jesus, whose presence on our daily road
we fail to see in the grief that surrounds us,
warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word
so that, in making room for the stranger beside us,
we find your hospitality awaiting us,
and the reassurance of your presence
to inspire us to tread the road again
and share the good news of your resurrection life.

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.

ANTHEM

Sing and Shout Praises!

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

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35, The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Jim Ridgely

That same day, two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus—which was about seven miles from Jerusalem—discussing all that had happened as they went. While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them, though they were kept from recognizing Jesus, who asked them, “What are you two discussing as you go your way?” They stopped and looked sad. One of them, Cleopas by name, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that have happened these past few days?” Jesus said to them, “What things?” They said, “About Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people— how our chief priests and leaders delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he was the One who would set Israel free. Besides all this, today—the third day since these things happened— some women of our group have just brought us some astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn and didn’t find the body; they returned and informed us that they had seen a vision of angels, who declared that Jesus was alive. Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said, but they didn’t find Jesus.”

Then Jesus said to them, “What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! Didn’t the Messiah have to undergo all this to enter into glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the Messiah. By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going further. But they said eagerly, “Stay with us.

It’s nearly evening—the day is practically over.” So, the savior went in and stayed with them. After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, “Christ has risen! It’s true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!” Then the travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

One: Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Exposed While Eating

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN Purple 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

MORNING PRAYER

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.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen

OFFERTORY

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Let us gather our gifts together and bring them to God as an offering of gratitude and praise!

*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)

Loving God, All things come from you.
Thank you for the abundance with which we are surrounded.
We offer these gifts to you, to help us serve as witnesses to the love which Jesus demonstrated. Receive them, multiply them, and help us use them to build up loving realities. We yearn to be faith-filled and faith-full followers of Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN Red 177

Sing with All the Sons of Glory

*BENEDICTION

May God's peace rest upon us;
May God's great love reach to every heart;
May we always sense God's care among us,
so that we find the good of one another
and never doubt the goodness of God.
Go in peace. Amen

***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

Toccata from Suite Gothique

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, Becky Arnemann, Eddie Barr, Naomi Brackett, **Pat Brackett (Naomi's sister-in-law)**, 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), **Karen Howser (friend of Barb & Charly Ware)**, Dee Krause, **Peggy Lowman**, 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), 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, **Carol Miller-Schultz**, 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.

BESTER ELEMENARY SCHOOL

Bester is one of our Micah's Backpack schools. They are currently seeking diapers, sizes 2 through 5, for families in need. We will be accepting donations of diapers through the end of April.

Thank you for your help.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Jim Ridgely.

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Blaine Dockery, Judy Thimpson, and Francis (Cowboy) Ward.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Tina Shafer

Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDoald, and William Wantz.

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

- 4/21 Staff Meeting 11:00am
HARC Regular Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/22 Potluck /Bible Study 6:00pm
- 4/23 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 4/24 Elder Day 9:00am
Senior Day Center Soft Opening 9:00m-2:00pm
Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal 5:30pm
- 4/25 Dinner Theater 5:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

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| 4/20 Eric Saum | 4/21 LoriBeth Martin |
| 4/21 Michael Mooers | 4/23 Krista Burgan |
| 4/24 Kenlin Martin | |

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. 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 19

Gathering music: *Praeludium und Fuge in c minor*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Sunshine in My Soul*. Composed by John R. Sweney. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

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Hymns: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*. Purple 260. Tune: Hyfrydol. Composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard. Words by William Chatterton Dix. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun. Purple 265. Tune: Duke Street. Words by Isaac Watts (1719), Music Attr: John Hatton (c. 1793). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Sing with All the Sons of Glory. Red 177. Tune: Hymn to Joy. Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven (1814). Words by William Joseph Irons (1875). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choir Anthem: *Sing and Shout Praises!* Composed by Eric Stover. Ó 2007 by Laurel Press.

Offertory: *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Toccata from Suite Gothique*. Composed by L. Boellman. © 1915 by Elkan Vogel. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.