



April 26, 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“As a form of ministry, fundraising is as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick, or feeding the hungry. So, fundraising has to help us with our conversion, too. Are we willing to be converted from our fear of asking, our anxiety about being rejected or feeling humiliated, our depression when someone says “No, I’m not going to get involved in your project”. When we have gained the freedom to ask without fear, to love fundraising as a form of ministry, then fundraising will be good for our spiritual life.”

Henri Nouwen, “The Spirituality of Fund-raising”

GATHERING MUSIC AND BELLS

*We All Believe in One True God
Toccata, from Suite for Organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Onward Christian Soldiers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Many are gathered here, hungry for so much:

All who are hungry in your souls, who need rest and nourish, inspiration and faith

All: We will give you something to eat! We have stories of faith and songs of praise.

One: All who are hungry in body, whose stomachs have known the pain of emptiness for more days than you can count

All: We will give you something to eat! We have resources to share and a Table big enough for all.

One: All who are hungry for knowledge of a god of abundance and generosity

All: We will give you something to eat! We have stories old and new of God’s amazing presence and love.

One: We share because we know there is already more than enough for the people of God, overflowing in baskets of bread and fish!

All: We will all eat together nourished by that which Jesus himself has blessed and shared.

PRAYER OF HOPE (in unison)

Abundant God, we meet you in our wilderness places, places of chaos, places ripe for transformation. In this sacred space which is where we receive Your provision we bring so little, a few songs, a bit of prayer, a simple meal, but they are made into an overflowing feast of worship. May we have faith that when we give, even a little, when blessed by you, becomes more than enough. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God is God of all. No exceptions! Let us be an example of what Christ's unconditional love looks like in our world. Amen!

All: 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.

SCRIPTURE ACTS 2:43-47, NRSV

Lector: Tina Shafer

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day Adonai added to their number those who were being saved.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

WORD FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pedal Variations on "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

SCRIPTURE MARK 6:30-44, NRSV

Lector: Tina Shafer

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away

in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces of the bread and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Adonai's Abundance

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*HYMN Purple 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER THAT JESUS TEACHES US

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Through our combined efforts, we create a stronger church and community. In our gratitude, we share our treasure with the Body of Christ and beyond.

OFFERTORY

St. Georges Windsor

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 FOR THE OFFERING (in unison)

Source of Every Good Gift, you have pulled us together to be one people as the grain on scattered hillsides becomes a single loaf. Each of us has offered from our individual resources, we pray to you that these gifts might become an abundance for feeding your people, physically and spiritually, through the work of this church. Amen.

*HYMN Black 277

Forward Through the Ages

*BENEDICTION

May you go from this place
with attentive hearts,
listening for Jesus' knock,
ready to open the door
and eat with him again!

*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

Stars and Stripes Forever

APPRECIATIONS FOR CLAIRE MARIE MOBLARD AND BYRON STAY.



*We love you and will miss you. Thank you for
the many great years of beauty.*

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.

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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, **Scherry Sellers**, 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

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Tina Shafer.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDoald, and TBD.

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jean Simmons.

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Lisa Saum, and Jean Simmons.

- 4/28 Staff Meeting 11:00am
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 4/29 Potluck /Bible Study 6:00pm
- 4/30 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/26 Burnie Clutz
4/28 Michael Heyser

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/30 Alice & Scott Barr

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. 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.

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Gathering music: *We All Believe in One True God*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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Prelude: *Onward Christian Soldiers*. Composed by Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould and Sir Arthur S. Sullivan. Arr. by Harry Simeone. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns:

Great is Thy Faithfulness. Purple 39. Tune: Faithfulness. Composed by William Marion Runyan (1923). Words by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save. Purple 8. Tune: Melita. Composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1861). Words by William Whiting (1860). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Forward Through the Ages. NCH 277. Tune: St. Gertrude. Composed by Arthur S. Sullivan (1871). Words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1908). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

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Choir Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus*. Composed by Derek Hakes. Arr. by Craig Courtney. © 2003 Beckenhorst Press.

Offertory: *St. Georges Windsor*. Composed by George J. Elvey. Arr. by Mary McDonald. ©2014 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Composed by John Phillip Sousa. Transcribed for organ by Joseph M. Linger. ©2012 by Wayne Leupold Editions. Performed by Byron L. Stay (piccolo trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.