



May 10, 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

*Pure Fountain
Alleluias Dancing
3Across the Skies*

Welcome and Announcements

Thank you to Barb Hendershot for providing music.

Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe

*Call to Worship

One: Come—soil, seed, and rain. None will hunger in a garden where workers share the harvest, for where two or more are gathered in God's name.

All: There is our God.

One: Come—algae, fish, and streams. None will thirst where mindful stewards protect our waters, for where two or more are gathered in God's name.

All: There is our God.

One: Come—people from every walk of life. None will fall ill where brothers and sisters in Christ protect one another from toxic burdens, for where two or more are gathered in God's name.

All: There is our God and we worship. Amen.

*Hymn Purple 635

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Hope

One: Often we feel harassed or afraid. Peace is absent from our heart and from our world. We are caught up in busyness and conflict. We are full of tension, worry, anger and bitterness. We carry with us emotions which poison our relationships with each other and with you. We carry fears which hold us back and distractions which lead us away from life as you mean it to be lived. Our lives become weighed down with burdens we need not carry but do.

All: God, we come seeking rest, release, renewal. Grant us your peace!

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 17:22-25

Barb Ware

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Anthem

Word for Children

Scripture Romans 8:22-28

Barb Ware

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon When Mother Calls

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

*Hymn Purple 693

Though I May Speak

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.

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 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

Kingsfold

Doxology Purple 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



*Hymn Purple 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Benediction

May the roads rise to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of God's hand.

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

Arise Southern Harmony

*CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

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.

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 Laundry Pods - for the month of May. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes. Micah's Backpack is collecting Granola Bars for the month of May.

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.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 17

Please let Megan or Kim know if you or someone in your family will be graduating so we can recognize and celebrate them on Graduation Sunday. We would love to honor graduates of all levels from preschool through college.

VBS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Make sure to invite your kids, grandkids and neighbors to join us June 22-25 at Zion from 6-8pm. You can sign up using this QR code.



MAY 30 - END OF YEAR PARTY FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Join us at the Shroyer House from 4 to 6:30pm for a great time of games, laughter and spending time together.

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. We are in a video-based study Saving Jesus Redux. You need not prepare; just come with your smiling faces and a food item to share.

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Campaign Team has been formed and will meet with Mrs. Jill White soon for training. Look forward to the excitement of resourcing our beautiful strategic plan. Jill White is a member of the Western Maryland chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and holds an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising from the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving.

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, 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, Jim Hatfield, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Karen Howser (friend of Barb & Charly Ware), Peggy Lowman, 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, **the family of Wells Ridenour**, Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Rae Smith, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), **the family of Tom VanMetre**, Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Christel Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

WE CELEBRATE

Luna Marleen Plume, born April 21, at 12:07AM, and weighed 7lbs and 11 ounces. She is the daughter of Brian and Jamie Plume.

NEW ZION VISIONING T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Ms. Kim has designed some marvelous t-shirts. It is such a thrill to see the vibrancy of the Zion family as we wear Zion t-shirts and sweaters. She has added the option with our Visioning Logo. It will be nice to see it worn. Click the QR code to fill out an order form. This round of shirts needs to be ordered by May 10.



Zion Reformed United Church Strategic Plan Actions

The Strategic Plan is intended to be completely implemented by 2030. The costs associated with the Strategic Plan will be paid for with a combination of monies: approved budget, FEMA Grant, Keefer Fund (to be created with the sale of the recently deeded Keefer house), a Capital Campaign, memorial funds, and additional grants.

Overarching, crucial components woven throughout:

History,
Outreach,

Mission,
Welcome.

Principal Mission Priorities:

Utilize the Parsonage,
Better use of the Church Space,
Grow our Gathering.

Zion Gathering Space

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves opening a Senior Day Center. The Senior Day Center will provide elderly adults in our community with an engaging, respectful, safe, and welcoming environment to enjoy activities, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. Initially, the Senior Day Center will provide a once-a-month gathering with the vision of growing into a weekly gathering as participation, resources, and volunteer support increase.

Reimagine the Parsonage for use and for rental.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves renovating the Parsonage for the Church's use and for rental. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the following: A.) moving the History Room materials to the ground floor and creating a Records Room, and B). incurring costs for HVAC, painting, plumbing, security, renovations to the kitchen and bathrooms, and adding a new sign to the front lawn identifying the building as our Parsonage. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the creation of administrative and staffing structures to manage rentals.

Replace roof over flat portion of Christian Education Wing.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves paying for the costs of a new roof from the Keefer Fund.

Update rooms for rental.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the renovation of Christian Education rooms on the second floor for rental. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the addition of a kitchenette and the remodeling of the bathroom to have a hall entryway. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves security measures to ensure renters have limited access to the second floor. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the creation of administrative and staffing structures to manage rentals.

Replace double doors with security doors.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves replacing the Memorial Garden double doors with American Disabilities Act(ADA) compliant doors for mobility assistance access (e.g., wheelchair). The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves replacing existing wooden Fellowship Hall double doors with steel doors. Replacement doors will have security locks and cameras.

Seek National Historic Landmark status.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the application to become a National Historic Landmark.

Committee and Administrative Structures.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the reconfiguration of the congregation's leadership structures, committees, and staffing to serve Zion's ministry and membership growth.

ADA compliant sidewalk and security fencing.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves adding a new pedestrian gate to match the existing iron fencing on the corner facing the Parsonage. The existing sidewalk will be expanded to a width appropriate for mobility assistance. The existing chain link fence will be replaced with appropriate material to match the existing iron fencing. The fencing will run along the graveyard and along the rear property line behind the parking lot and shed.

Update parking lot for rental.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves updating the parking lot to rent a portion of the spaces. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves restriping, resurfacing, and the addition of rental signage. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the creation of administrative and staffing structures to manage rentals.

Improve wayfinding and signage.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves a new system of internal and external wayfinding and signage to identify new ADA entrance and reenter entrances.

Children's murals and lending libraries.

As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves contracting with a local artist(s) to paint children's mural elements and children's welcoming messages on the shed, the history board, and the main Church sign. The Zion Reformed United Church of Christ approves the addition of lending libraries with children's books.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Barb Ware.

Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.

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

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:45 Adult Sunday School - In-person and Zoom

Children's Sunday School Class

Young Adult Church School

10:20 Children's Choir

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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is: Barb Ware

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

5/12 12:00pm, HARC Lighthouse Steering Committee

5/12 5:00-6:30pm, Tuesday Evening Ministry

5/13 6:00pm, Potluck /Bible Study & Newsletter Deadline

ANNIVERSARY Amy & Brandon Hackett

BIRTHDAYS Marilyn Newlin (5/11), Becky Hohman (5/12), Kelly Weicht (5/13), Corey Green (5/17), Brandon Hackett (5/17)

Music for May 10, 2026 - **CCLI NUMBER: 6212519**

Gathering Music Stanton Lanier Medley:

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Prelude *Gabriel's Oboe* ©1986 EMI Virgin Music LTD

Hymns *To God Be the Glory* # 634

Though I May Speak # 693

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need # 803

Choral Responses *Let There be Peace on Earth*

On Eagle's Wings