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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020 ☛ 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD

↑An invitation to stand ↓An invitation to sit
Congregational Responses are in **bold**.
Please silence all mobile devices.

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We believe that one of the best ways we can love our city right now is by taking proactive steps to slow the spread of the coronavirus and reduce the number people infected. Out of a desire to protect the safety of our members and community, and in light of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan declaring a State of Emergency and discouraging public gatherings, Zion Reformed UCC has cancelled Sunday Worship and all programs through May 17, 2020.

The April 12, Easter Sunday Sermon can be viewed on our YouTube Channel “Zion Reformed United Church of Christ.” You can participate with us in our Easter Sunday Communion Service with a piece of bread and a cup of wine or grape juice.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Resurrection starts with the cry of grief, an empty place, a familiar voice.

It's tiny... like the fingers of a newborn. Seemingly insignificant... like the grain that lands in the clam's open mouth. Often overlooked... like the leaf bud on the tree.

Christ has risen,

Waiting for us to take notice.

Christ has risen,

Waiting for us to respond.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Responsive

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE

Because of This Day

Pastor Katie

COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE STORY

THE MEAL

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE	“In the Garden”	Miles
POSTLUDE	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	Wesley

STAY SAFE UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

NOTICES

Prayer Needs: Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Linda Cantilena, Derrice Combs, Kim Cook, Ruth Dwyer, Elan Foutch, Mike Heyser, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Anne Kaylor, Mike Lorring, David Ridenour, the family of Sylvia Ridenour, Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mike Stoner, Kathy Wallech.

Happy Birthday! Robert Kefauver’s is today, Sally Stewart’s is the 17th.

Happy Anniversary! Mary & Robert Kefauver’s is today.

Soup Kitchen Count: Soup Kitchen is cancelled until further notice for the safety of our volunteers.

Records from Sunday, April 5: Service Cancelled.

STAFF

Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rev. Katie Penick, Interim Minister (240)418-8028; Susan Younkens, Church Administrator; Lisa Saum, Treasurer; Linda Frakes, Financial Secretary; Claire Marie Moblard, Director of Music/Organist; Byron L. Stay, Choir Director.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this congregation is to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to celebrate the sacraments, to share Christian fellowship and unity within the congregation and the community, to render loving service toward all people, to strive for righteousness, justice and peace, and to grow in spirit and in membership. (Adapted from 1987/Approved Nov. 7, 2000)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No events or meetings can be held until the Governor's ban on social gatherings is lifted. Our next tentatively scheduled worship service will be Sunday, May 24, 2020.

SUN	4/12	Easter Sunday - Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
SUN	4/19	Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
MON	4/20	May Newsletter Deadline	
SUN	4/26	Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
SUN	5/3	Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
SUN	5/10	Mother's Day	
		Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
SUN	5/17	Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
MON	5/18	June Newsletter Deadline	
TUE	5/19	Soup Kitchen	5:15 pm
WED	5/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
THU	5/21	4-H Club Meeting	4:00 pm
FRI	5/22	Celebrate Recovery	7:00 pm
SUN	5/24	Summer Schedule Begins - No Sunday School until Fall	
		Communion Service	10:00 am
MON	5/25	Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	
TUE	5/26	Soup Kitchen	5:15 pm
WED	5/27	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
THU	5/28	4-H Club Meeting	4:00 pm
FRI	5/29	Celebrate Recovery	7:00 pm
SUN	5/31	<i>Food Collection - Soup Kitchen, Micah's Backpack, Neighborhood Food Bank</i>	
		Worship Service	10:00 am
MON	6/1	Consistory Meeting	7:00 pm
TUE	6/2	Soup Kitchen	5:15 pm
WED	6/3	Service Workers	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
THU	6/4	4-H Club Meeting	4:00 pm
FRI	6/5	Celebrate Recovery	7:00 pm
SUN	6/7	Communion Service	10:00 am
TUE	6/9	Soup Kitchen	5:15 pm
WED	6/10	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
THU	6/11	4-H Club Meeting	4:00 pm
FRI	6/12	Celebrate Recovery	7:00 pm
SUN	6/14	Worship Service - Choir Appreciation	10:00 am

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

2020 Easter Lilies

In Memory Of

Presented By

<i>Dot Brewer.....</i>	<i>Bill Brewer</i>
<i>Carroll Brackett.....</i>	<i>Naomi Brackett</i>
<i>Theron Rinehart.....</i>	<i>Jeannette Rinehart</i>
<i>Ricky Pietsch.....</i>	<i>Rae Smith</i>
<i>Joseph & Evelyn Hockman.....</i>	<i>Michael Jones</i>