

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2020 ☛ 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



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WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD

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

MEDITATION

*“Where there is no longer any opportunity for doubts, there is no longer any opportunity for faith.”*  
~ Paul Tournier ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 16

Responsive

Come, bless God, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless God, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless God, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther

## WE PREPARE

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor Katie & Rae Smith

When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free, it was Easter day.

**When Peter's three "yesses" to Jesus finished his three denials, it was Easter day.**

When Mary ready to embalm the dead ran in fear from the empty tomb, it was Easter day.

**When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach, it was Easter day.**

When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and the breaking of bread with strangers, it was Easter day.

**When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice niggling in his head, it was Easter day.**

When the hungry are fed at the table the same table as the rich, it is Easter day.

**When weapons are beaten to plough-shares and peace is a word to be shouted, it is Easter day.**

When the stranger is welcomed in the community and the lonely are restored to relationships, it is Easter day.

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

READING FROM THE BIBLE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Lector Barb Hendershot: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from

death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

#### GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

Lector Pastor Katie: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE

***LOCKED OUT***

Rev. Katie Penick

## **WE GO IN PEACE**

↓BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King” St. Francis of Assisi

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

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## 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 Lorfing, David Ridenour, Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mike Stoner, Kathy Wallech.

**Happy Birthday!** LoriBeth Martin's is the 21st, Michael Mooers' is the 21st, Krista Burgan's is the 23rd, Kenlin Martin's is the 24th.

**THANK YOU** to all who have remembered the church by dropping off and/or mailing in their offerings!

**Records from Last Week:** Offering: \$3,843.70 (General Fund: \$2,450.00; Rents: \$472.50; Refunds: \$921.20)

**Never miss a Sunday sermon!** When you can't make it to church you can still watch the sermon. Go to our YouTube channel "Zion Reformed United Church of Christ." Streaming of the Sunday worship service begins at 11:00 am but you can view the videos of past services anytime.

## STAFF

Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rev. Katie Penick, Interim Minister (240)418-8028; Susan Younkings, Church Administrator/Financial Recording Secretary; Lisa Saum, Treasurer; 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	4/19	Worship Service Streamed on YouTube	11:00 am
MON	4/20	<i>May Newsletter Deadline</i>	
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	<i>June Newsletter Deadline</i>	
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	<i>Summer Schedule Begins - No Sunday School until Fall</i>	
		Communion Service	<b>10:00 am</b>
MON	5/25	<i>Memorial Day - Church Office Closed</i>	
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
MON	6/15	<i>July Newsletter Deadline</i>	