

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2020 ☛ II:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD

Congregational Responses are in **bold**.

MEDITATION

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? ~ Mary Oliver ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Jesus tells us: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20)

We need your presence on the long road, Lord; the road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection. Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we need you to travel with us! Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power during this time of worship.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WE PREPARE

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fallerstein/Seiss

WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

READING FROM THE BIBLE

HEBREW LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Lector Burnie Clutz: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

Lector Pastor Katie: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things

about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE

REMEMBER WHO WE ARE

Rev. Katie Penick

WE GO IN PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

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WE DEPART TO SERVE

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, the family of Mike Stoner, Kathy Wallech.

Happy Birthday! Burnie Clutz's is today, Mike Heyser's is the 28th.

Happy Anniversary! Alice & Scott Barr's is the 30th.

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.

Records from Sunday, April 19: Donations received in the mail this week: \$2,732.00 (General Fund: \$2,232.00; Communion: \$30.00; Micah's Backpack: \$20.00; Ridenour Memorial: \$250.00; Soup Kitchen: \$200.00).

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; 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.

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| 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 |
| FRI | 5/15 | Zion Book Club | 7:00 pm |
| 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 |
| MON | 6/15 | July Newsletter Deadline | |
| TUE | 6/16 | Soup Kitchen | 5:15 pm |
| THU | 6/18 | 4-H Club Meeting | 4:00 pm |