## ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 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.

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather At The River"

Lowry/Hansom

WELCOME Rev. Katie Penick

**MEDITATION** 

"Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."

~ Martin Luther ~

#### ↑CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Christ has called us to this time of worship. We open our lives to Christ's grace. Bring to Christ your hurts and hopes. Let us pray these familiar words, recognizing in the Risen Christ, our Good Shepherd:

Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want. You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us. Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our

foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over! Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, And we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior, forever and ever. Amen.

#### OPENING PRAYER

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

"Near the Cross"

Crosby/Doane

### WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

#### READING FROM THE BIBLE

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

Acts 2:42-47

Lector Carol Mooers: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 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 the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM READING Psalm 23

Lector Rich Owens: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

Lector Pastor Katie: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

MESSAGE HOLYSHEPHERDING Rev. Katie Penick

HYMN "When We All Get to Heaven" Sites

### **COMMUNION**

INVITATION

THE STORY

THE MEAL

### WE GO IN PEACE

↓BENEDICTION Responsive

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace" Newton

### WE DEPART TO SERVE

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Hymn performed by Claire Marie Moblard, Zion Director of Music/Organist

#### **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, Kathy Wallech.

Happy Birthday! Mark Shroyer's is today, Dan Springer's is the 7th.

**Records from Sunday, April 26:** Service Cancelled. Donations: \$1,785.00 (General Fund).

**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 Younkins, 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)