

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



A New Covenant Written Upon Your Heart

WELCOME to *your* faith community! We are happy to worship with you today and pray that your spirit will be blessed by our time together in the presence of God. If this is your first time at Zion, welcome! If you have been with us for some time, welcome!

Perhaps there is some sort of mark we could find to represent our desire to be shaped by the law of love that Jeremiah presents to us in our text for the week—maybe a bookmark or a wallet card, something that says, “We know the Lord” or “We are God’s people.” Not a card to give away, but something to remind ourselves. This is a reminder worship experience. We are who we are, remember? We act how God’s people act, remember? When we haven’t done so, when we’ve acted out of selfishness or in reaction to a perceived slight or frustration, then we confess and cling to the truth that we are God’s people because that isn’t how we are called to act for we are a people of the new covenant. A covenant of love written upon our hearts. This word on our hearts or on our cards is not something to give away, but something to remind ourselves. Yet, we give it away whenever we act out of that truth, whenever we treat others as though they were God’s people too. Or whenever we treat them with love because we know the Lord and we want them to know the Lord too. The prophet Jeremiah tells us in our Hebrew lesson that even when things look bleak such as in times of global pandemics, God is still God. God is still in control. The day is surely coming when God will write on the heart of the people of God, and while even then we may still wonder what the loving thing is, we will desire to do that loving thing with our whole being. We will no longer be half-hearted followers, but fully committed members of the loving force that will bring in the kin-dom. Though we are still being shaped by the hand of God into disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, this proclamation is what will be written on our hearts. Praise be to God as we find the new covenant welling up within us from within our hearts where God has written it.

Let us Repair: For Such a Time as This! Come, let us worship the God of the new covenant!

WE GATHER

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Call to Community

Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: God is making a new covenant with all people!

All: Holy One, write your words on our hearts!

One: Christ dwells within us.

All: Whisper words of wisdom in our ears;

One: Share a glimmer of your love in our vision;

All: Write upon our hearts.

One: We wait

All: with open ears, open eyes, and open hearts.

Opening Prayer

O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts, every sharp edge and steady beat, and create something new in us. We need your newness, O God, make the rough parts of us smooth; stir up the stagnant portions; and free what has been stuck in place. May the unkind be forgiven and may all of our relationships be repaired and renewed. And then, by the power of your Spirit, may we turn toward Love again. Amen.

Prayer of Brokenness

Based on John 12:20-33

O God, we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by your Spirit to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the strength and courage to try new things. Encourage us to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God. We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

~ Silence is Kept~

Words of Blessing

God's gift of grace and love which transforms our hearts and minds. That gift is given to us again, here and now. Be encouraged and may the peace of God be with you always.

Meditative Interlude✦

“Awake, my soul”

WE MEDITATE

Hebrew Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

Lector: Rae Smith

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Lesson ✠

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Message

Written on Our Hearts

Contemplative Interlude ✠

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Give

Jesus calls us to join him in service to others, using whatever gifts of time and resources we have. Our church accepts the invitation and challenge to show Jesus’ Way using the resources we share.

God, there are many who “wish to see Jesus.” In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all the many ways we bring signs of Jesus to our brothers and sisters. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Go now, to follow Christ. Let your old life fall like a grain of wheat into the earth so that you may bear much fruit as you allow God to reshape your heart, with the law and love written upon it. May God center you in truth. May Christ renew your joy. And may the Spirit teach you creative wisdom. Go in peace, Beloved. Amen.!

Prelude to Service ✦

“Fugue in G-Minor”

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 21st



Palm Sunday Outdoor Service:



Special Announcement! Plan to join us for Palm Sunday at a special outdoor service in Zion's parking lot. Bring your mask and lawn chair with a heart ready to worship for a special time of worship and fellowship. Social distancing measures will be in place to ensure safety. Join us as we celebrate Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and prepare for the passion of Holy Week's events.

Lenten Worship Series Continues:

As Queen Esther was confronted with the difficult choice of personal safety or saving her people, her cousin helped her come to a decision with these profound words: "Perhaps God has brought you here for such a time as this!" Throughout Lent, we are exploring what it means for us to be "In Such A Time As This!" This is the time for us to repair our relationships with God and with one another. Each week, we will focus on a different scriptural theme: 1) Wilderness, 2) Sacrifice, 3) Protest, 4) Salvation, **5) Covenant** and the last Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday, we will explore the theme of redemption. Join us for this special Lenten Worship Series, "Repairing: For Such a Time as This!"

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour options twice weekly via Zoom. Choose one or both:

Join Sunday Fellowship Hour by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 868 5404 1994 and Passcode: 519568. **Zoom users may join using One-Click Join without entering meeting information.*

Join Thursday Fellowship Hour by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 842 7267 6444 and Passcode: 337217. **Zoom users may join using One-Click Join without entering meeting information.*

Adult Sunday School

Join Adult Sunday School with Sue Graff at 9:45am every Sunday by going to <https://zoom.us> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937 and Passcode: 536055. **Zoom users join using One-Click Join without entering meeting information.* For more info or to find the connection details at any time, go to www.zionreformed.church/adult.

Other Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ Please continue to schedule any in-person business with the church office prior to stopping in so we can ensure safety protocols are adhered to while navigating the pandemic.
- ❖ To make a special donation towards the new fridge or new piano fundraisers, please send donations marked "Fridge Fund" or "Piano Fund" respectively to the church or donate online at www.zionreformed.church/give.
- ❖ Choir Rehearsals are postponed until further notice.

Catoctin Association Spring Meeting

The Catoctin Association of the UCC will hold its Spring Meeting on April 17th from 9am to noon via Zoom. Plan to attend this meeting as a delegate for Zion or as a participant and be part of our association that we are covenant partners in Christ with. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Katie if you would like to attend so we can submit registrations before the registration deadline on April 12th.

General Synod 33



Mark your calendars for this special edition 2021 General Synod of the United Church of Christ, July 11th – 18th. This special edition general synod will be entirely virtual. Registration will open May 1st. Gathering under the theme: Rooted in Love, expect a vibrancy of spirit-led worship with prophetic preaching, music and art-filled experiences that will anchor us. Come, expecting to learn more and connect with the UCC through various opportunities and lend to the forward-momentum of the United Church of Christ. Let Pastor Katie know if you are interested in attending as a delegate for Zion or as a participant in general. Learn more at www.generalsynod.org.

Records from Last Week

Sunday Worship: 15 online views | **Soup Kitchen:** 30 meals served.



Joys & Concerns



Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings:

Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Naomi Bracket, Linda Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ruth Dwyer, Elan Foutch, Mike Heyser, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Richard Lohman, Mike Lorfing, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Donna Rae Seidel, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Darla Smith, Robert Yeoman.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week



Happy Birthday to **Brenda Lohman** (Mar 22nd) and **A.J. Artwell** (Mar 25th). May this year of your life be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial, should any arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.





IMPORTANT DATES

Week of March 21st



Sunday Fellowship Hour After Worship

March 21st at 12:30pm via Zoom

Details on previous page or visit www.zionreformed.church/fellowship.

Soup Kitchen

March 23rd from 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome, carryout only.
Social distancing and masks enforced. **Volunteers welcome!**

Search & Call Committee Meeting

The Pastoral Search team meets March 24th at 5:30pm via Zoom.

Staff Meeting

March 25th at 10am via Zoom.

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club

March 25th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

Contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net for more info.

Thursday Fellowship Hour

March 25th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Details on previous page or visit www.zionreformed.church/fellowship.

**GET
INVOLVED!**

Plan to Worship with Us Next Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday)

Sunday School via Zoom @ 9:45am

Children & Adult options available via Zoom

More info at www.zionreformed.church/education

Palm Sunday Outdoor Worship Service (6th Sunday in Lent), at 11am

Worship virtually at www.zionreformed.church/sermons.

Sunday Fellowship Hour at 12:30pm


Details on previous page or visit www.zionreformed.church/fellowship.



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Services 2021



Worship with Us!

 **Lent:** The season of Lent is a time for personal reflection, repentance, and growth. It is a season where we focus upon prayer, fasting, and works of love as expressions of our faith. A season of renewal and grace, restoring right relationships, letting God lead, and the light shine out of the darkness as we journey to the cross. While a solemn season of penitence and reflection, Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, and reflection that ultimately lead to celebration. This Lent we will focus on repair, “Repairing: For Such a time as this!”

Ash Wednesday Virtual Worship Service , February 17 th at 7pm	✦	(Lent Begins)
First Week in Lent Sunday Worship , February 21 st at 11am	✦	(Wilderness)
Second Sunday in Lent Sunday Worship , February 28 th at 11am	✦	(Sacrifice)
Third Sunday in Lent Sunday Worship , March 7 th at 11am	✦	(Protest)
Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday Worship , March 14 th at 11am	✦	(Salvation)
Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday Worship , March 21 st at 11am	✦	(Covenant)
Palm Sunday Outdoor Worship Service , March 28 th at 11am	✦	(Redemption)

*All Worship Services available virtually at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>.

**For more info about Sunday Fellowship Hour and Thursday Fellowship Hour: <https://zionreformed.church/fellowship>.



Holy Week & Easter: Holy Week continues our journey toward the cross, taking us through the shame and suffering endured by Christ to those torturous final moments upon the cross. But Easter is only around the corner, that glorious morning we know all so well! That morning when Christ conquered death and rose from the dead giving us new life, ensuring that grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love are available to us every day, anytime we need it. And, oh how we need it every day! As we celebrate the transformative power of the new life Christ offers us this Easter season, we will focus our attention on “Renewing: Is Anything too Wonderful for Our God?”

Maundy Thursday Zoom Service , April 1 st at 5:30pm	✦	(Bread & Cup of Life)
Good Friday Virtual Service , April 2 nd (Available beginning at 1pm)	✦	(It is Finished)
Easter Sunday Virtual Service , April 4 th (Available at Sunrise)	✦	(New Life)

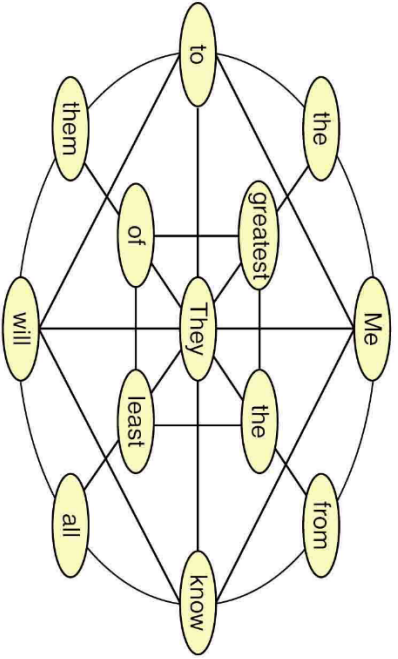
*Maundy Thursday Service will be via Zoom/dial-in and will be uploaded to the website at the conclusion of the service. There will be no Thursday Fellowship Hour this evening as fellowship will be incorporated into this special service. Virtual Worship services are available at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>.

**There will be no Sunday School classes or Fellowship Hour on Easter Sunday due to family gatherings. Sunday School will resume the following week via Zoom and dial-in at 9:45am. Thursday Fellowship will be unaffected by the holiday celebrations. Sunday School info can be found at <https://zionreformed.church/education>. Fellowship Hour information can be found at: <https://zionreformed.church/fellowship>.



What did God say would be the result of this covenant?

Start at the center and follow the arrows, writing the words on the lines below.

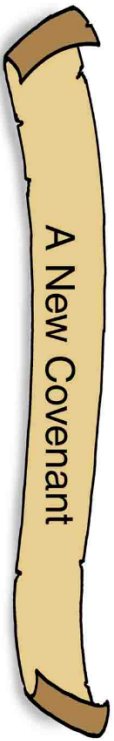


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God said He would make a new covenant with the nation of Israel and the nation of Judah. What is another word for covenant?

Write the name of each picture on the lines, then transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.

A collection of illustrations (pencil, brush, mouse, lion, sock, table) with corresponding boxes and lines for labeling and letter transfer.

What did God Say:

They will all know me from the least of them to the greatest.



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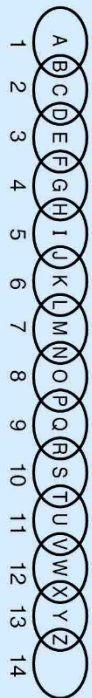
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A New Covenant:

Promise

God said this would be a new kind of covenant.
What else did God say about it?

Use the code to find out.



“ 5 10,11 12 5 6,7 6,7 7,8 8 10,11 1,2 3

6,7 5 6 3 10,11 4,5 3

2 8 11,12 3 7,8 1 7,8 10,11 5

7 1 2,3 3 12 5 10,11 4,5 10,11 4,5 3 5 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 3 3,4 1 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 10

12 4,5 3 7,8 5 10,11 8 8 6

10,11 4,5 3 7 1,2 13 10,11 4,5 3

4,5 1 7,8 2,3 10,11 8 6,7 3 1 2,3

10,11 4,5 3 7 8 11 10,11

8 3,4 3 4 13 8,9 10,11”

Where did God say this promise would be recorded?

Unscramble the missing words.

“I will _____ My _____ in their _____
tpu _____ alw _____ nmdis

and _____ it on their _____
twie _____ atsehr _____.

I will be their _____, and _____
dGo _____ yeh _____

will be My _____
lpeoep _____.”



A New Kind of Covenant:

It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt

Where would it be recorded:

I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

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