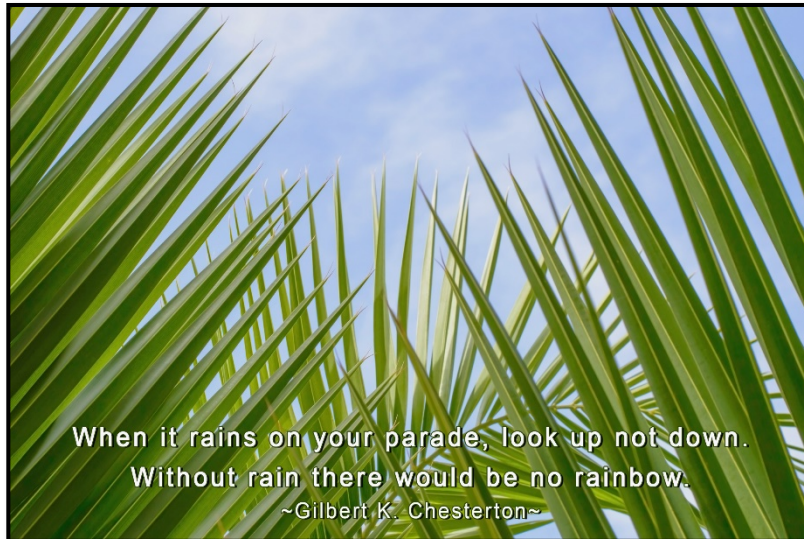


# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 @ 11 A.M.

## 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!

Today, we celebrate Palm Sunday, Christ's joyous entrance into Jerusalem as we begin to look at the entire passion of Holy Week before celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday. There is too much that happens in the narratives of the scriptures from Palm Sunday's palm waving and shouts of Hosanna, to the wonder and glory of Resurrection Sunday on Easter with the laughing shouts of "He is Risen" without some sense of the valley in between these two high points. "Hosanna," as the ancient Israelites shouted out at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem translates as "Save us" or "Save now." This is a call to the savior, even though later usage of the term was for the king and was seen as a sound of celebration rather than a plea for help. But we can certainly claim both usages in our worship and life today. The question to consider this Palm Sunday is who do you declare Sovereign of your life today?

As we encounter Palm Sunday and throughout holy week, we invite you to let the story of Christ's passion unfold in your mind and heart as we consider how Christ's love and sacrifice, the highs and the lows of Holy Week, impact our lives today as individuals and as a congregation. An important component of this crucial element of our faith includes the invitation to serve our community and walk even closer to our Lord. We will enter into the story more deeply on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Let us Repair: For Such a Time as This as we view Palm Sunday through the lens of redemption! Come, let us worship our Redeemer!

## *WE GATHER*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

"Prelude in E-Flat Major"

Call to Community

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Blessing of the Palms

Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration. May they remind us of the simple joys of living. May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ. Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice. May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past. May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort. May they remind us of the road that lies ahead. May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional. Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.

Meditative Interlude✦

"The Palms"

Litany of the Palms

The streets were crowded.

**A parade mood filled the air.**

Shouts came from deep in the heart.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from lukewarm faith.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from callous indifference.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from unquenchable greed.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.

**Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.**

### *WE MEDITATE*

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-24 (NRSV)

Lector: Rae Smith

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reflection Video

The Disciples and the Donkey by The Skit Guys

Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Message

*Welcome to the Palm Parade*

Contemplative Interlude ✦

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

## *WE RESPOND*

### Invitation to Give

When you have no words, when you cannot find your voice, God approaches. Let us reach out to our God. Let us give our gifts.

### Blessing Our Gifts

A Prayer of Dedication

O Holy One, bless these gifts so that the world may know your love even when we are silent.  
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

And now we lay down the palm branches. And with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God. As the last echo of the hosannas fade, so does our hope that this journey can end in any other way.

The week stretches ahead full of pain, and pain wherever we are on life's journey we turn towards the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most sacred of all journeys.

So, go and travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith into this, the holiest of weeks.

Amen.

### Prelude to Service ✦

"Outside the Holy City"

*GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!*





## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 28<sup>th</sup>



### Fellowship Hour

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.*

### Holy Week & Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday Zoom Service:** April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 pm. Join this special service around your dinner table (or wherever you choose, don't forget your dinner) 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.*

**Good Friday Virtual Service:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> on-demand beginning at 1pm at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons).

**Holy Saturday:** Watch for a special video message shared on Facebook, by email, and posted to the website at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons).

**Easter Sunday:** A virtual Easter service will be available on-demand beginning at sunrise Easter morning. At 10am be sure to join us in front of the church for our Easter Flower Cross service. Remember to wear your face mask and social distance as we celebrate the resurrection together with the cross of new life. The Flower cross this year will be dedicated in honor of Sylvia Ridenour and all those lost over the past year.

\*There will be no Sunday School classes or virtual fellowship hour on Easter Sunday.

### In-Person Services Resume April 18<sup>th</sup>

In-person worship services will resume April 18<sup>th</sup> with social distancing and face masks required. A livestream will be streamed during the service and available on-demand for any who cannot attend in-person. Children's Sunday School will meet at 9:45am in a hybrid (online and in-person) format, and the Journey Adult Class with Sue Graff will meet Sunday evenings by Zoom at 7pm. More info to come!

### Journey Adult Class

Adult Sunday School known as Journey Adult Class will move to 7pm every Sunday beginning **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Join Participate in this class with Sue Graff 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](http://www.zionreformed.church/adult).

## Catoctin Association Spring Meeting

The Catoctin Association of the UCC will hold its Spring Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

## General Synod 33



Mark your calendars for this special edition 2021 General Synod of the United Church of Christ, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This special edition general synod will be entirely virtual. Registration will open May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.generalsynod.org).

## Records from Last Week

**Sunday Worship:** 24 online views | **Soup Kitchen:** 33 meals served.

## Other Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ Choir Rehearsals are postponed until further notice.
- ❖ 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](http://www.zionreformed.church/give).



## 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 and their loved ones: [Kelly Bedard](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Bracket](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Crist Family](#), [Ruth Dwyer](#), [Elan Foutch](#), [Mike Heyser](#), [Jeanne France Hvidding](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Kauffman Family](#), [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 **Carl Ferguson** (Mar 28<sup>th</sup>), **Ralph Hess** (Mar 29<sup>th</sup>), and **Sue Graff** (Mar 31<sup>st</sup>). 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 28<sup>th</sup>



### **Sunday Fellowship Hour After Worship**

March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm via Zoom

Details on previous page or visit [www.zionreformed.church/fellowship](http://www.zionreformed.church/fellowship).

### **Soup Kitchen**

March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome.

Social distancing and masks enforced. **Volunteers welcome!**

### **Staff Meeting**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10am via Zoom.

### **Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club**

No meeting this week due to Maundy Thursday.

Contact Kim Ridenour at [miskim@myactv.net](mailto:miskim@myactv.net) for more info.

### **Maundy Thursday Zoom Service**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm. (See previous page for details)

### **Good Friday Virtual Service**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, available on-demand beginning at 1pm

[www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons)



## **Plan to Worship with Us Next Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)**

### **Easter Sunday Virtual Service, available at sunrise**

Worship virtually at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons)

### **Easter Flower Cross Outdoor Service, 10am**

In front of the church on N. Potomac Street





# 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!”

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

<b>Maundy Thursday Zoom Service, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm</b>	✦	(Bread & Cup of Life)
<b>Good Friday Virtual Service, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm</b>	✦	(It is Finished)
<b>Easter Sunday Virtual Service, April 4<sup>th</sup> (Available at Sunrise)</b>	✦	(New Life)
<b>Easter Flower Cross Service, April 4<sup>th</sup> (10am in front of church)</b>		

\*Maundy Thursday Service will be via Zoom/dial-in and will be uploaded to the website at the conclusion of the 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 info can be found at <https://zionreformed.church/education>. Fellowship Hours information can be found at: <https://zionreformed.church/fellowship>.





What happened next?

Complete the words from the word fragments in the box.



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Mount of Olives.

Ages 7+

March 28, 2021 • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

# The Body of Christ

Jesus and His disciples were preparing for a special meal. What was it called?

Fit the pieces of the puzzle together to find out.

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## The Body of Christ:

PASSOVER

## What Happened Next

Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

# Palm Sunday

Find the  
Hidden Word

Word Bank

Jerusalem  
Disciples  
Village  
Donkey  
Master  
Jesus  
Cloaks  
People  
Road  
Hosanna  
David  
Palm  
Olives  
Glory  
Colt

O L I V E S  
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