

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Sunday in Lent ☛ March 6th, 2022 ☛ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Journey to Jerusalem

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

↑An invitation to stand ↓An invitation to sit

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

Gathering Music ✦

"2 Polonaises"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Dreaming"

↑ Call to Community

Inspired by Psalm 91

Even as we enter the wilderness of Lent:

We rest in the shelter of the Most High;

We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

We find refuge under the sacred wings of our Holy One.

We trust that the angels of God,

the words of God,

the people of God,

the hands of God.

Will somehow hold us up against impossible odds?

And so we come to call on the God who has promised to answer our call.

↓ Praying with Ukraine

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✦

"To God Be the Glory"
Insert

↓Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Based on the writings of St. Julian of Norwich

God did not say, "You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed."

God did say, "You shall not be overcome."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted.

Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us: you have urged us to trust you: "Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you."

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

God have mercy.

Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

Christ, have mercy.

O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways.

We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring you and pushing you aside.

God, have mercy. Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

~Silence is Kept~

Words of Blessing

Children's Time

"Promising Love"

↑ Ten Commandments Litany

Based on Ex. 20:1-17 and Mat. 22:37-38

What is the greatest Commandment of all?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul.

How do we show that love?

We will love God with an intensity that infuses our entire being. God's sacred presence surrounds us and gives us the strength to face each day. All we have to do is close our eyes and know that God is always with us. Holy, Holy, Holy is God's name.

This is the greatest and first commandment. Jesus reminds us that the second greatest Commandment follows it.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

And how do you show this love?

We will offer a welcoming presence and listen to one another with open hearts and minds no matter where we are in our faith journey. We will respect the diversity of opinions and strive for unity with one another. We will forgive and seek forgiveness. We will remember that the Still Speaking God is found here among our neighbors.

Love the Lord your God always.

Holy, Holy, Holy is God's name, Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

↓ First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17 (The Message)
Barb Hendershot, Lector

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—

that came out of the ship with you. I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth." God continued, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I've set up between me and everything living on the Earth."

Second Lesson

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)
Rev. Katie Penick

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Dwelling in the Shelter of God's Love

Hymn of Praise ✧

Nearer, My God, to You
The New Century Hymnal (black) #606
Verses 1 and 4

RESPONDING IN LOVE

↓ Invitation to Give

↑ Blessing Our Gifts

God of the wilderness, we give these gifts in gratitude,

rejoicing in the abundance of your blessings.

We give these gifts to you in faith,

trusting that you will provide for our needs.

We give these gifts to you in hope,

knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these gifts, we give ourselves;

May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✧

Let There be Peace on Earth

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Beloved, we are on a journey to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come,

giving thanks to God, our maker,

and offering our praise!

Praise

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You mend those who are broken, offer safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy is found even in death. Remembering and giving thanks, now, O God, we remember Jesus.

~Silence is Kept~

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.

He relied on you for everything.

He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend,

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.

Our Story

Prayer of the Spirit

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age [or, kingdom] comes, and every creature beholds it. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Prayer of Our Savior

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 and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal ✧

Weeping May Tarry for the Night, but Joy Cometh in the Morning

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks!

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✧

"Sleepers Awake"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Please join us...

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for the People of Ukraine

Sunday, March 6  2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Hagerstown
Public Square
Hagerstown, Md.

Faith community members and the public at large are invited to join in this event to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and stand in solidarity with her people. Prayer, songs, personal stories and sharing.

Hosted by Hagerstown Area Religious Council and Congregation B'nai Abraham



Mark Your Calendar!

Maundy Thursday Seder Service, April 14th at 6pm

Good Friday Prayer & Meditation, April 15th
(Hours to be Posted)

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 11am

Church Yard Sale, May 7th, 8am-2pm
in support of Zion Outreach programs.

More Info Coming Soon



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 6th



Lenten Worship

Throughout Lent, a special **mid-week Lenten Worship** series, "Jesus Remember Me" will be offered Thursday evenings at 7pm in-person in the Burhans Room and virtually via Zoom. Lenten Thursday Worship: March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. To participate by Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by clicking [One-Click Join](#) or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: [826 2272 9373](#) and Passcode: [Zion](#).



Our **Lenten Sunday Worship** series at 11am Sunday mornings will be "Journey to Jerusalem". Participate in-person in our historic sanctuary or virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting/Spring Congregational meeting will be after worship on March 27th in a hybrid platform (both in-person and Zoom attendance options). We will be considering a possible year-round worship time change; constitution and bylaws updates; and looking at our accomplishments in 2021. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information to follow.

Prying with Ukraine for Peace & Safety



Holy God, Hear our prayers for all those who will die today because of war in Ukraine and other war-torn countries all over this world. Grant them an end to the suffering of this world and eternal peace that is only found in You. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all nations — that war and bloodshed can be avoided and a new, just peace can be forged out of this crisis. We ask God grant wisdom to the leaders of nations, calling them to end provocation on all sides and invest instead in "the things that make for peace" as called for in all our faith traditions (Luke 19:41-2). We pray for an end to the deep insecurity and mistrust on all sides, and call on leaders to build trust, based not on military might or alliances, but on the basis of our shared future and common humanity. Now is a time in which past harm should be acknowledged and addressed, and new partnerships can be envisioned. We pray for and call on our leaders to have the courage to take small, verifiable, and independent steps toward peace, inviting others to reciprocate. Now is time to invest in conflict resolution, diplomacy and international cooperation — not more weapons which only escalate tension in the region. Be with those suffering in ways that we cannot.

Protect them from devastation in ways those positioned in authority will not. Shield and comfort them as they confront the terror of violence that surrounds them. Hold them close to your heart and stay the hand of the enemies against them. Give us the courage and the strength to cry aloud against wickedness in high places that dare to harm others made in your image. Comfort the children and heed their cries to be saved from harm in this world. Make us a people who love our children, all of our children, more than we love greed, power, and control. Overturn governments of tyranny wherever they are found. Disrupt the intentions of evil and give us power to stand against demonic forces of greed and control. Grant that peace and justice come to warring nations by the hands of those courageous enough to stand and study war no more. Let Thy kin-dom come on earth as it is in heaven, we pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Written and Offered by the UCC Officers.

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Linda Frakes** (Mar 7th), **Tina Shafer** (Mar 7th), **Christian Grosh** (Mar 8th), **Liz Dattilio** (Mar 9th), and **Julia Patterson** (Mar 11th). 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 that may arise, may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



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: [Holly Bell](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Troy High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Nicole M](#), [McKann Family](#), [Miller Family](#), [Munday Family](#), [James Penick](#), [Claudia R](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [Leslie Rose](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Sammy Rittleberger](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Shafer Family](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Smith Family](#), [Startzman-Ridenour Families](#), [Stephenson-Lane Families](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eric Wolbring](#), [Eleanor Wible](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Lector Ministry



Today: **Barb Hendershot**

Next Sunday: **Carol Mooers**

**If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at connectionssixeight@gmail.com or 240.883.4544.*



UCC Women's Week – Mar 6th – 12th

Consistory Meeting – Mar 7th at 7pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

Tuesday's Supper – Mar 8th from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out or dine-in)

More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Int'l Women's Day – Mar 8th (Learn more at www.internationalwomensday.org)

Staff Meeting – Mar 10th at 12pm (Burhans Room)

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Mar 10th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**

Lenten Mid-Week Worship – Mar 10th at 7pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re-

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son, but pur - er and high-er and

tone - ment for sin and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 great - er will be our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.
 Tune: William H. Doane, 1832–1915; setting: *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 1989, alt.

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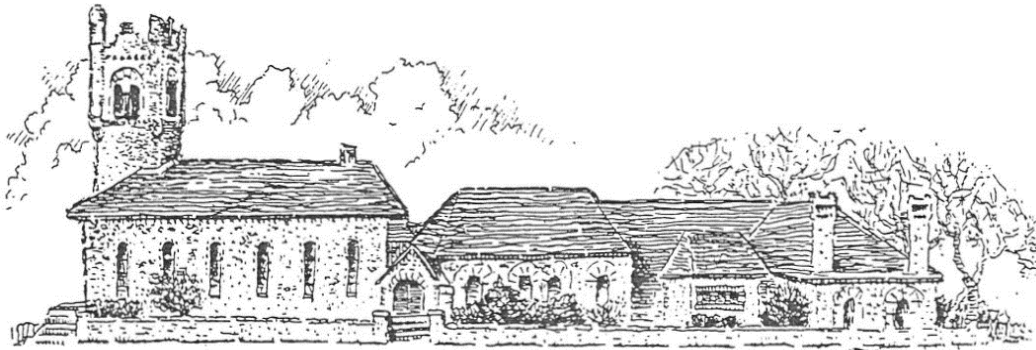
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