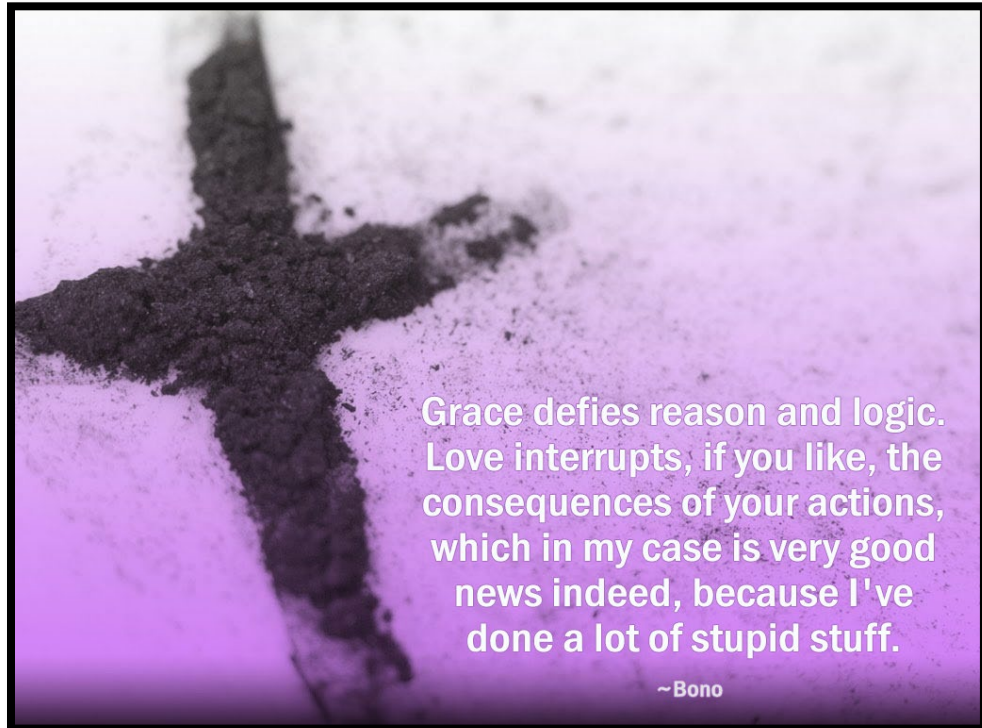


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Second Sunday in Lent ☛ March 13th, 2022 ☛ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

A Journey to Jerusalem

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

"Were You There"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"God of Grace"

↑ Call to Community

Prayer of St. Patrick

I arise today through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun, Splendor of fire, Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind, Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth, Firmness of the rock.

**I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me, Afar and near,
Alone or in a multitude.**

Christ shield me today against wounding;
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

**I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.**

Praying with Ukraine

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✦

"The God of Abraham Praise"
NCH (black) #24
Verses 1 & 4

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)

Lector: Carol Mooers

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Second Lesson

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Rev. Katie Penick

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Open Invitations

↑ Hymn of Praise ✨

"Great is Your Faithfulness"
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What We Believe

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Give

↑ Blessing Our Gifts

God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars; more bountiful than the greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our hearts. Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✧

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Our Story

Blessing

Sharing the Meal ✧

"Largo"

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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

God is our light, our hope, our all in all:

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Prelude to Service ✨

Improvisation on "Lift High the Cross"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



Annual Meeting - Our Annual Meeting/Spring Congregational Meeting will be after worship on March 27th and offered in a hybrid format with in-person and Zoom attendance options. We will be considering and voting on 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 available at www.zionreformed.church/annualmeeting.

Cinderella Shop – The Cinderella Shop returns this April and will be open from 10am to noon every Saturday of the month (April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th). Please spread the word that prom dresses will be available for a suggested donation of \$25.00 which will be donated to the REACH Cold Weather Shelter. Stay informed with updates at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella.

Church Yard Sale - May 7th, 8am-2pm in support of Zion's community outreach programs. Have some items in good shape to donate? See Rae in the Church Office or Christine Coleman. Stay informed with updates at www.zionreformed.church/yardsale.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 13th



HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope

Join the Zion Reformed UCC Team at the HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope on Saturday, June 4th by planning to hike with us or make a contribution to the team's fundraising effort today. Join the team or make a contribution at www.pledgereg.com/4195/t/zrucc. The Hike for Hunger & Hope is HARC's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds will benefit all HARC programs with a significant portion going directly to Micah's Backpack. Learn more about the HARC Hike at <https://harccoalition.org/hike>. Learn more about Micah's Backpack at <https://harccoalition.org/programs/micahs-backpack> and talk to Carol Mooers about how you might help the Micah's Backpack Outreach Team here at Zion!



Praying with Ukraine for Peace & Safety



God of mercy, God of comfort, we come before you, mindful of human frailty and need, confused and struggling to find meaning in the face of suffering. We are grateful that even as we share in the joy of Christ Jesus, we can also share abundantly in comfort in the midst of suffering. For those living on the front lines of war; For those hunkered in bomb shelters, For those sending loved ones off to fight; For refugees and those separated from friends and family; For those whom disaster has left homeless, injured, or bereaved; For those facing unexpected diagnoses and illness; For those sitting at the bedsides of COVID patients; For those feeling the many impacts of two years of pandemic life; For all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish, we ask the presence and strength of your Spirit.

Give all who suffer the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. We know that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Be the support of all who give their strength, their skill, and their stamina in a ministry of mercy. Open our hearts in generosity that we may be partners in their commitment to bring relief. Where tempers flare and a partisan spirit provokes new hostility, raise up people who have patience and restraint. Where indifference allows crisis to deepen and suffering to go without relief, awaken deliverers who have zeal and strength.

We pray for those who are engaged in making important decisions in this time, for those who report on these events, and for those who shape public opinion. Give them the courage to speak out and the restraint to listen, that together we may discern the truth and hold aloft its light. Take away the temptation to trust in human power and military solutions, and give us the courage to be your servants to the community of nations. Direct all governments in the way of peace and justice, that your will may be known and done among the nations. Deliver us from the sins which lead to war and conflict, and strengthen within us the will to establish righteousness and justice on the earth.

We pray for those who are suffering and can make no sense of tragedy. Help them to turn to the One who embraces us in our lives --even Jesus Christ, who lived and suffered among us. There is no one who is righteous, not even one, for we have all turned away from you. Make us aware of our common need of a Savior, and remove from our hearts the pride, ambition, and greed that would lead us to enslave and demean other people.

Have mercy on your whole creation. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your Kingdom, and by grace make us worthy to stand before you. Amen.

Prayer Written and Offered by Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek, Dean of Lancaster Theological Seminary

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Christine Coleman** (Mar 14th), **Brooks Heyser** (Mar 16th), and **Halie Green** (Mar 18th). 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](#), [James Penick](#), [Claudia R](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [Leslie Rose](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Sammy Rittleberger](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Shafer Family](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [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: **Carol Mooers**

Next Sunday: **Rae Smith**

**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.*



Search & Call Team Meeting – Mar 14th at 5:30pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

April Newsletter Deadline – March 15th at Noon

Tuesday's Supper – Mar 15th from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out or dine-in)

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

Saint Patrick's Day – Mar 17th (Learn more at www.catholic.org/saints/saintpatrick)

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Mar 17th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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

Lenten Mid-Week Worship – Mar 17th at 7pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

More Info at www.zionreformed.church/LentenWorship.

Lenten Schedule 2022



Worship with Us!

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 Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

Lenten Sunday School – Be sure to not miss Sunday School this Lenten season as we come together for a combined adult class study entitled, "The Walk" exploring five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Join us in the Burhans Room or via ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937 and Passcode: 536055.

The Children's Sunday School class will be participating in the same study in the Children's Sunday School Room and virtually via ZOOM, exploring how to use these very same five principles to faithfully follow Christ and grow in him using games, activities, and crafts. To join the children's class via ZOOM, go to go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 865 7471 1577 and Passcode: YouthSS.

Lenten Mid-Week Worship – Join us for Mid-Week Lenten Worship every Thursday of Lent at 7pm (March 10th - 31st) in the Burhans Room or virtually via ZOOM. The theme of this special worship series is "Jesus Remember Me." To participate by ZOOM, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937 and Passcode: 536055. More info at www.zionreformed.church/lentenworship.

Lenten Sunday Worship – Join us every Sunday in the sanctuary at 11am throughout lent for our lenten series, "Journey to Jerusalem." To participate virtually, go to www.zionreformed.church/WorshipLive.



A Journey to Jerusalem

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2022



Worship with Us!

Maundy Thursday Seder Service - Join us Maundy Thursday (April 14th) to celebrate and remember Jesus' last supper with a seder meal service. We will meet in-person in the Chapel and virtually via Zoom beginning at 6pm. In-person participation will be limited to 50 people due to safety precautions. For more information and virtual participation details, visit www.zionreformed.church/easter.

Good Friday Time of Personal Prayer & Meditation – Stop by the Chapel anytime from 9am – Noon on April 15th for a time of personal prayer and meditation. Meditative prayer music and candles will be lit to help create a meditative atmosphere for a powerful time of prayer and reflection. More info and updates available at www.zionreformed.church/easter.

Good Friday Unity Walk at Hagerstown City Park - In memory of Christ's passion and death, we join HARC and Unity Walks for the Good Friday Unity Walk (formerly known as Good Friday Cross Walk). Walk begins in the gazebo adjacent to the Museum of Fine Arts parking lot at 1pm on Friday, April 15th. The walk will include 7 stops with scripture readings and meditations, and call-and-response songs between stops. We will meet up as a group at 12:45pm to participate together in this time of prayer and reflection. More info and updates available at www.zionreformed.church/easter.

Easter Flower Cross Set-up – Come join us to help decorate the Easter Flower Cross with flowers on April 16th at 4:00 pm in preparation for the Easter Flower Cross service on Easter morning prior to Easter Worship. More info and updates available at www.zionreformed.church/easter.

Easter Flower Cross Service – Plan to join us at 10:30am, Easter morning (April 17th) to celebrate Christ's resurrection with the powerful symbol of new life found in the fresh flower blossoms of the Easter Flower Cross. Easter Worship will follow the Easter Flower Cross Service at 11am in our historic sanctuary. More info and updates available at www.zionreformed.church/easter.

Easter Worship Service – We continue our celebration of new life and resurrection in Christ Jesus at 11am in our historic sanctuary. Please plan to join us for this beautiful celebration and invite a friend! More info and updates available at www.zionreformed.church/easter.



He is Risen!

Celebrating 10 Years: 2012 2022



*It's our 10th year,
come help us celebrate!*

**Saturday
June 4, 2022**

On the beautiful
C&O Canal Towpath
in Washington County, Md.

Check-in location for all hikers: **Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Retreat Center**
16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, Md. 21782
You will be shuttled to your start point on the towpath

Three distances to choose from:

4K (2.5 miles)

Check-in: 9:30 or 10:15 am
Individuals \$40; Families \$65

10K (6.3 miles)

Check-in: 8:00 or 8:45 am
Individuals \$50; Families \$85

Half-marathon (13 miles)

Check-in: 7:00 am
Individuals \$60; Families \$105

- **\$10 Early-bird discount and guaranteed t-shirt if you register by May 13**
- Enjoy Snacks & Drink stops along the way
- All hikes conclude at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Retreat Center
- Post-hike Celebration for all hikers at Shepherd's Spring with food, music & fellowship!
- Photo scavenger hunt for youth & nature scavenger hunt for younger children
- Prizes for top fundraising individual & team; prize drawing for anyone who raises funds



HARC75

Hagerstown Area Religious Council
we can do more **TOGETHER**

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Visit www.pledgereg.com/4195/t/zrucc
to donate or register with the Zion Team

Online registration open through June 3rd
(same-day, in-person registration is permitted)

learn more about the hike at <https://harccoalition.org/hike>

Virtual Hike

You can also hike virtually!
See website for details.

Challenge Hike

Up for a bigger challenge?
Join us Saturday, June 11,
for 20 miles on the AT!
Details on our website.

Proceeds benefit HARC & Micah's Backpack

- Micah's Backpack, a program to feed food-insecure school children on weekends
- Celebrating 20 years of interfaith work in Wash. Co.!
- Early childhood education and well-being programs



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