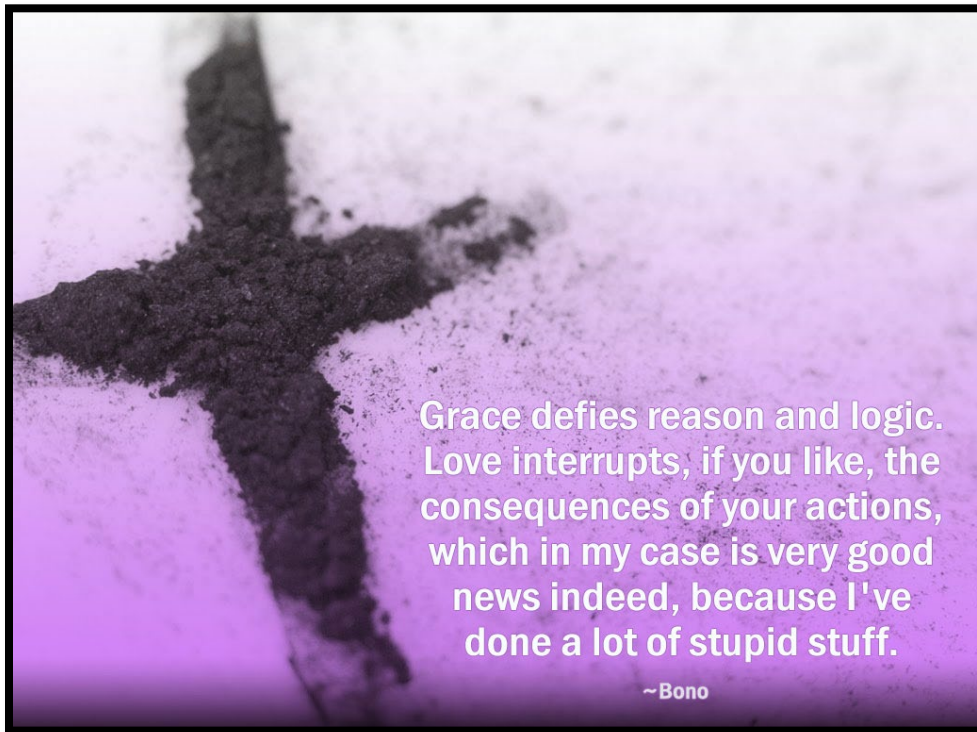


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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourth Sunday in Lent ☩ March 27th, 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 ✦

"Passacaglia"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"These are the Ten Commandments"

↑ Call to Community

Based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 42

Come to the waters you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy wine and milk without money, and without cost.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Listen to me, and you will have good things to eat, and rich food to enjoy.

My soul hungers for God, for the living God!

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found; call to him while he is near.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

Praying with Ukraine

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✦

"Lead on, Eternal Sovereign"
NCH #573

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

O God, our God, we seek you; our souls thirst for you. Sometimes it's like we haven't had anything to drink for days. We are parched. Yet, we've only sipped upon Living Water. We have failed to drink deeply of your wisdom.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Come, all who are thirsty, come to the water. Drink and have your fill. Live with mercy and you shall receive mercy. God's well of steadfast love will never run dry.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Time

Blessing the Prayer Blankets

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

Lector: Rae Smith

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Lesson

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

Rev. Katie Penick

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Of Fig Trees and Finding God

↑ Hymn of Praise ✨

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Red Hymnal #1

Verses 1 & 4

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!**

Invitation to Give

↑ Blessing Our Gifts

Generous God, we have received from you more than our share of blessings. We thank you. We pray that you increase and multiply our gifts, so that others may feast of your goodness through our witness. Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✦

Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Ho! Everyone who thirsts come to the waters and all who hunger come to the table!

The Great Thanksgiving

The peace of God in Jesus Christ, the bread and word of life, be with you.

And also with you!

Our Story

Blessed is our God, both guest and host, who sets the table before us and invites us to share in communion.

Let us hear the story of how it began: On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus sat at the table with his friends. Just as he did when feeding crowds in the wilderness, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat, and remember.' So now we remember in the blessed bread and share it with friends.

**Thank you, God, where ordinary things become special when placed in your hands.
Thank you for making broken things whole, and nothing is wasted in your sacred presence.**

The body of Christ is given for the life of the world. Self-giving bread for self-giving people. Let us receive what we are. Let us become what we receive.

The Body of Christ.

In the same way Jesus took the cup of blessing and as he poured it, said "Take, drink and remember." So, we remember God's new covenant found in the blessing that promises new life.

Life-giving blood poured out for you.

Blessing

May the God who calls us to the table, who feeds multitudes without money, who feeds us with his own self, who guides us into creative purpose, nourish and sustain us, and continue to transform us into the very image of Christ: The Bread of Life and Cup of Blessing. Let us sing in harmony with manna and wine as we go out with joy to love and serve the world:

In the name of Christ: Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing the Meal ✨

"Peace in the Valley"

*God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice, and gluten-free bread is available.*

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.**

Sending Forth

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

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Prelude to Service ✦

"Praise to the Lord Almighty"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Praying with Ukraine for Peace & Safety



We join with Ukraine and the world in prayer for peace and safety in Ukraine. We ask that you join with us in praying for peace and safety for our Ukrainian neighbors. Here are 7 suggestions to include in your prayers:

1. **Pray for the people in Ukraine:** Many foreign workers have left, but most nationals have not. Lift up the Ukrainians who can't uproot from their homeland and ask God to show mercy to them through turbulent times.
2. **Pray for the Refugees:** Over 3 million women and children have fled for safety during this time of war, pray for continued safety and a quick return to their homes. Pray that as they take refuge, their hosting nation finds the resources to help care for them and protect them.
3. **Pray for Peace:** Pray the promise of Psalm 46:9 back to God: "He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire."
4. **Pray that we all truly learn to Love One Another:** None of us are superhuman and far too often our hearts turn inward instead of outwards to the world. Pray that our hearts all open in love to our neighbors—the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13. That means risk, sacrifice, heartache, and the uncomfortable decision to put others first.
5. **Pray for World Leaders:** Pray that God would give the leaders of the world a heart of love and wisdom to govern even in, especially in, difficult times such as these. Pray for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to find the strength and wisdom to persevere and lead his country.
6. **Pray for Support:** Pray that God would provide resources by stirring the hearts of believers to support our Ukrainian neighbors with housing for refugees, food, heat, gas, hygiene kits, crisis counseling and more. Pray and consider how you might help!
7. **Pray for Russia:** Pray that God will renew the heart of Russian President Putin to cease the attack on Ukraine. Pray for the Russian people that oppose the war but are forced to serve their country and for those who have spoken up and have been imprisoned for doing so.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 27th



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Today



Would you like to put your love for others into actions? Putting love into actions is a call to us to help our neighbors, near and far, as we have the ability. The Apostle Paul reminds us, just as he did the Corinthians so long ago, that the greatest expression of our connection to others is the way we love them. Your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing – United Church of Christ enables our church and our worldwide partners to make a difference in the lives and communities around the world. Together, we are responding to disasters, supporting sustainable farming, education, and health initiatives, as well as pitching in to assist people fleeing violence from their home communities. We receive this offering with joy, believing that, with everything else going on in the world, that love remains.

Annual Meeting Today

Our Annual Meeting will be after worship in the Chapel and available virtually by ZOOM. We will be considering and voting on a possible year-round worship time change; constitution and bylaws updates; mission & vision statement revisions; and looking at our accomplishments in 2021. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More info at www.zionreformed.church/annualmeeting.

To join by ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/join/join> or [click here](#) -- Meeting ID **844 2528 9069** Passcode **hope**.

Cinderella Shop Opens This Saturday

This is the 19th year that the Cinderella Shop at Zion Reformed UCC will be selling gently used prom gowns, making it easier to look your best at a fraction of the cost so that you can enjoy yourself at your event without sacrificing on food or other necessities. Open each Saturday in April from 10 am to 12 noon. We have an extensive collection of beautiful gowns. The gowns are \$25 each, paid in cash or with a check made out to REACH of Washington County. All proceeds go directly to REACH of Washington County. Stay informed with updates at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella.



Reception of New Members – We will be receiving new members during worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, please see Pastor Katie prior to this service.

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 www.zionreformed.church/hikeforhunger. Be sure to talk to Carol Mooers about how you might help the Micah's Backpack Outreach Team here at Zion and learn more about Micah's Backpack at <https://harccoalition.org/programs/micahs-backpack!>

Church Yard Sale – To be rescheduled for the fall due to scheduling conflicts. This Yard Sale will be 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.

Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



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](#), [Robert Yeoman](#). And peace and safety in Ukraine.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Ralph Hess** (Mar 29th) and **Sue Graff** (Mar 31st). 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.



Lector Ministry

Today: **Rae Smith**

Next Sunday: **Amber Nilson**



**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.*



Christian Ed Team Meeting – Mar 28th at 4pm (Burhans Room/ Zoom).

Tuesday's Supper – Mar 29th from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out or dine-in)

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

Properties Team Meeting – Mar 30th at 4pm

Staff Meeting – Mar 31st at noon (Burhans Room)

Executive Committee Meeting – Mar 31st at 2pm via Zoom.

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Mar 31st at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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

Cinderella Shop – Apr 2nd 10am – noon (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

More Info at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella

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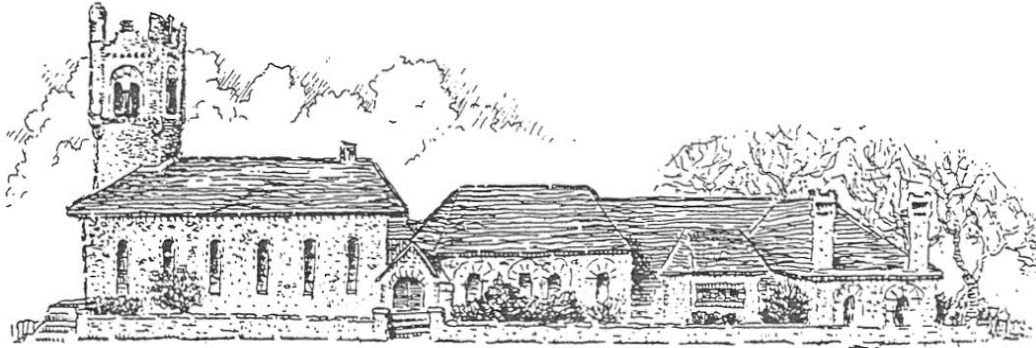
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