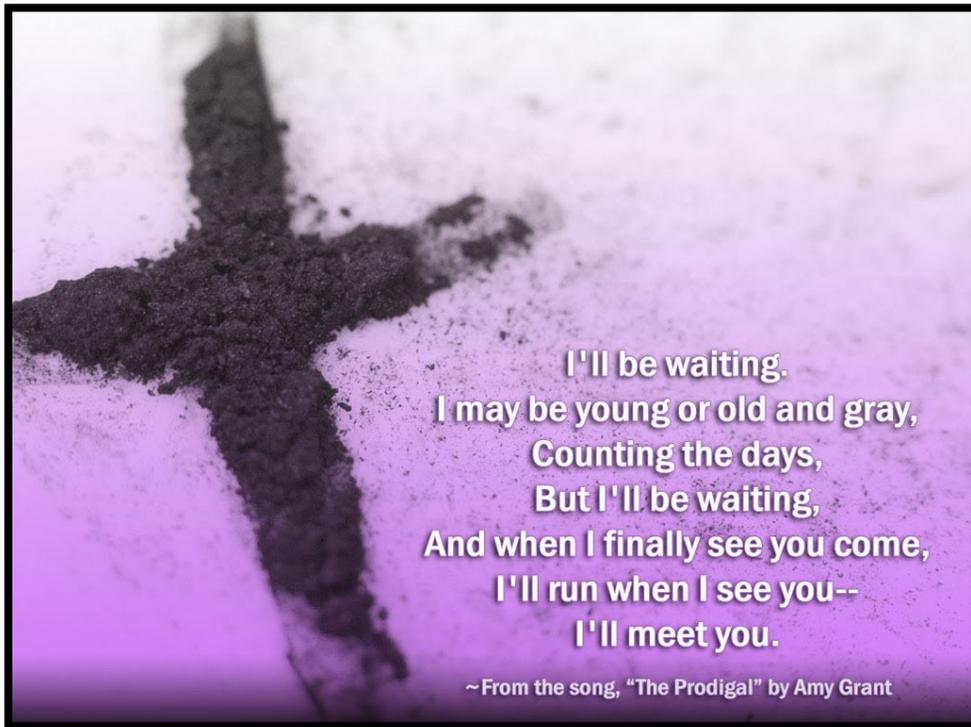


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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fifth Sunday in Lent ☩ April 3rd, 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 ✦

"Prelude and Fugue in E minor"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

↑ Call to Community

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:7, 16-24

We walk by faith, not sight;

For the love of Christ urges us on.

If we are in Christ,

We are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away;

Everything has become new!

Come, to this time of worship and renewal!

May we be refreshed by the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

↑ Praying with Ukraine

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✦

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"
NCH #18 (Black Hymnal)

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Beloved God, with the excitement of a child, you wait for our coming. With the urgency of a mother, you long for our return and with the anxious heart of a father, your arms ache to hold us. The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away... that's us, not you.

Forgive us and heal us of everything in us that withdraws from our common humanity. You have given us such worth; help us to see all creation as you see it and to know ourselves, and all your children as precious and loved. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Children's Time ✦

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

Lector: Amber Nilson

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. 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. 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. 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.

Video Reflection

"Sanctuary"

Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (NRSV)

Rev. Katie Penick

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

RESPONDING IN LOVE

What We Believe

Zion Vision, Mission and Values Statements

Our vision for our church is:

To Share God's Inclusive Love, Uniting Us with Our Community.

The mission God sends us out to do is:

To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith, discover our purpose and make a difference.

As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:

We are a Community: Where we show Love of God and One Another.

We embrace our Spiritual life: Where God Is Still Speaking by:

- **Welcoming all people.**
- **Celebrating unity and diversity.**
- **Working in partnership with other churches.**

We show discipleship in action: Where Justice isn't about "Just Us" by:

- **Striving to imitate the life of Christ in thought, word, and deed.**
- **Being good stewards of time, talent & resources.**
- **Acting as Christ's hands & voice in the world.**
- **Caring for God's creation.**

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

With our gifts, O God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✨

"And He Shall Feed His Flock"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Our Story

Blessing

Sharing the Meal ✨

"It is Well with My Soul"

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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service †

"Te Deum"



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. Today's prayer comes from Pope Francis who recited this prayer imploring God to forgive us for war, especially in Ukraine:



Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us! Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons. Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death. Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our neighbor;

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel. Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain. Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain! Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done; Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of April 3rd



New Member Orientation & Tour Today

If you are joining the church next week, please plan to join Pastor Katie in the Burhans Room after church today for a brief, interactive and exciting orientation introducing you to our denomination, beliefs, and congregation. We will also be touring the church during this time.

Open and Affirming Core Team Forming



At our Annual Meeting, as a congregation we voted to move forward with the ONA process of an extended period of prayer, reflection, and dialogue as a congregation to discern whether to become an open and affirming congregation and creating an ONA covenant promising to intentionally welcome all of God's children in our midst.

LGBT people of faith often experience emotional and spiritual injury in churches that condemn their capacity to love and seek love. Because they've learned that "All Are Welcome" usually doesn't apply to them, they can't assume that any church will be safe for them and their families. A public welcome by an Open and Affirming (ONA) church sends a clear message to LGBT seekers that they have a home in the United Church of Christ ONA congregations. A congregation's affirmation and support through an ONA covenant can be a life-changing and life-saving experience—especially for LGBT youth.

If you are interested in becoming part of this core steering team, talk to Pastor Katie.

Cinderella Shop Open Every Saturday this Month

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.



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!>

Dinner Theater Returns: *Dust off your Sam Spade overcoat & polish up your magnifying glass!* Zion's Dramatic Arts Department is pleased to announce that Zion's Dinner Theater returns with the long-awaited performance of "The Science of Murder" on June 25th at 5pm in the Chapel. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May for \$15/person or \$25/couple, contact the Church Office to get your ticket(s). Dinner will include salad, lasagna roll ups, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, and rolls with an assortment of desserts. More info at www.facebook.com/events/551779426012952.

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](#), Naomi Brackett, [Linda Cantilena](#), Kim & Bill Cook, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), Beth Gross, [Sherry Hockman](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Dee Krause](#), Nicole M, [James Penick](#), Claudia R, [Colleen Rand](#), Leslie Rose, [David Ridenour](#), Sammy Rittleberger, [Betsy Roulette](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [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 **Aaron Kelly** (Apr 4th), **Tess Summers** (Apr 5th), **Betsy Roulette** (Apr 7th), and **David Rhodes** (Apr 9th). Happy Anniversary to **Danny & Julia Springer** (Apr 9th). 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: **Amber Nilson**

Next Sunday: **Barb Hendershot**



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



Tuesday's Supper Leadership Meeting – Apr 4th at 10am (Burhans Room)

Consistory Team Meeting – Apr 4th at 7pm (Burhans Room / Zoom)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – Apr 5th from 5 – 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Staff Team Meeting – Apr 7th at Noon (Burhans Room)

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Apr 7th at 4:30pm via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**

Cinderella Shop – Apr 9th 10am – noon (Burhans Room/Hybrid)
More Info at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella

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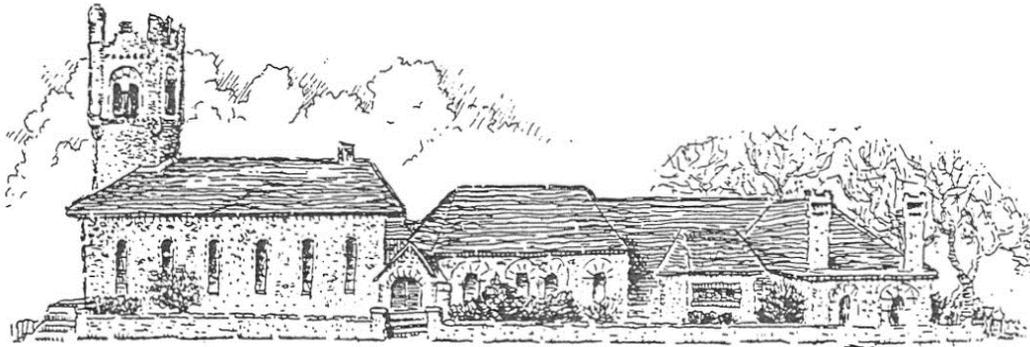
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