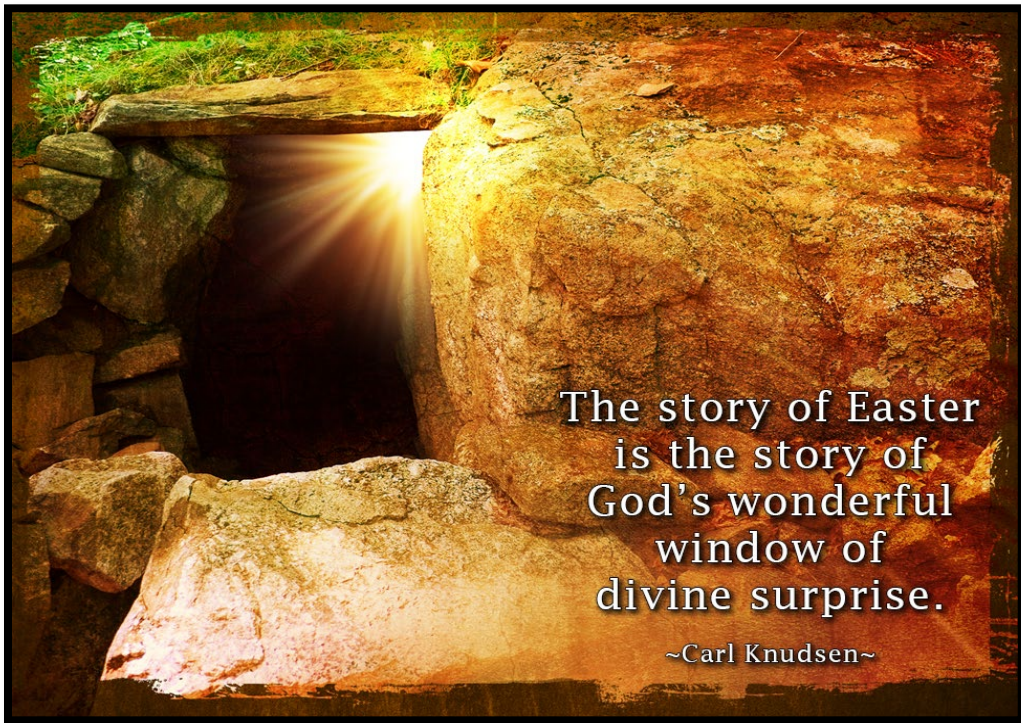


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The story of Easter
is the story of
God's wonderful
window of
divine surprise.

~Carl Knudsen~

WORSHIP GUIDE

We Claim Our Alleluias!

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

WE GATHER AROUND THE EASTER CROSS

Our Easter Story

Opening Hymn ✦

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Verse 1

Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought all Israel
into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

Verse 2

Spring has dawned on earth today;
Christ has burst from prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
as the sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
long and gray, is flying
From the Light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying

Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional ✦

"How Great Thou Art"
Bulletin Insert
Verses 1 & 4

WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE!

Words of Welcome

Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude to Worship

"Fanfare for Easter Day"



Christ is risen, Alleluia!

↑ Call to Community

This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed.

Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.

We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.

We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

↑ Praying with Ukraine

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

Lector: Barb Hendershot

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by God—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says God'.

Children's Time✠

Unburying Our Alleluias!

Music from Handel's "*Messiah*" - "*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*"

Lyrics: I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Second Lesson

Psalms 118:1-2,14-24 (NRSV)

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

God is my strength and my might:

God has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of God does valiantly;

the right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of God.

God has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

↑ Hymn ✠

"The Strife is O're"
NCH #242 (Black Hymnal)

Third Lesson

The Prayer of Brokenness and Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

We anoint the death of our dreams, even before we allow them a chance to live.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

We give up on hope so easily, on the expectation that God will do something incredible.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

God speaks through the strangers we encounter, but we don't hear, we don't want to be challenged by a new word."

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here but has risen."

We seek life from the death of the past. We hold to that which breathes only in our memory; to mistakes long past; to hurts long inflicted; to strings attached to forgiveness.

"Remember how Jesus told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man, the 'Human One,' must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified and on the third day rise again."

Too often torn and scattered, we feel unworthy of the healing of God's grace or the promise of restoration.

Then they remembered Jesus' words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

We forget the promises of God, even those whispered just moments ago. We want proof before we'll believe, before we'll be faithful.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

We don't risk enough to trust the messengers in everyday appearance. We don't dare ourselves to understand.

But these words seemed to the apostles an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

We think our problems too big for God! We act like frightened disciples, unwilling to allow God into our crowded lives, unwilling to make room for the One who creates and creates again.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

We are like Peter. We deny God; we fail to share the miracle; we keep the good news to ourselves.

Let us pray:

Forgive us, God, for our disbelief— for seeing an empty tomb and thinking a cruel trick; for discovering a discarded burial cloth yet still holding to death; for hearing words of life but keeping them to ourselves. Restore us even in our unbelief. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Alleluia Rising!

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Risen Christ, Bless these gifts, along with our very lives. May gifts and givers alike be dedicated to your work of love, hope, justice, and peace. Amen.

Hymn✦

"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"
NCH #241 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Come to Christ's Table, all you who love him. Come to Christ's Table, carry your sin and give your burdens to the One who calls us in love. Come to Christ's Table, be at peace.

Thanksgiving and Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to praise you, O Holy One.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

And so, we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Choral Response

(Red #1, Verse 1)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the Way;

You called us to return and led us home.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life. By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of betrayal and denial, Jesus, took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant of salvation."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

Abba, Father!

Let your kingdom come!

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Come, Christ Jesus!

Be our daily bread!

Glory to you!

Glory to You!

Holy Spirit!

Send us to the world.

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Holy, Blessed Trinity!

One God forever!

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Sharing the Meal ✨

Amazing Grace Medley

*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 Thanksgiving

O Holy God, you now have set your children free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.**



Christ is risen, Alleluia!

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Closing Hymn ✠

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
NCH #233 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. Live as if your lives count for something-- because they do. God calls us in abundant love to serve something greater than our own finite lives, a greater cause for which we would even lay down our lives, as Jesus did. For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God— that realm of justice and truth, of enough for all and not too much for anyone. Go in peace, to love, to serve, and to proclaim:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude to Service ✠

"Hallelujah Chorus"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Lector Ministry: 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.



Today: **Barb Hendershot**
Next Sunday: **Calvin Livingston**



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of April 17th



Helping our Ukrainian Siblings

At our Annual Meeting the congregation voted to donate monies to World Central Kitchen's Ukrainian relief efforts, and to the UCC's ACT Alliance directly supporting Ukrainian relief. The consistory has approved a matching donation of up to \$1000.00 to match any monies raised, splitting the funds equally between both of these important outreach organizations providing much needed humanitarian assistance such as food, shelter, training, and more.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the church marked "Ukrainian Relief Fund" and drop it in the Ukrainian Relief Fund donation box in the front of the sanctuary. You may also make a donation through our church website giving page at www.zionreformed.church/give by choosing the "Ukrainian Relief Fund" option.

Let us also continue to pray with our Ukrainian siblings for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world.



From Surviving to Thriving

The Central Atlantic Conference Vitality Team invites you to attend a free online vitality workshop on May 7th from 9am to noon. See Rae or Pastor Katie to sign-up or register online at:

<https://caucc-reg.brtaapp.com/FromSurvivingtoThrivingachurchvitalityevent>.

Catoctin Association Spring Meeting

The Catoctin Association Spring Meeting will be Saturday, May 14th from 9am – noon at Evangelical & Reformed UCC in Frederick, MD. A satellite location will be offered here at Zion in the Chapel to come together and Zoom in as a group or attend by Zoom from your home. Please see Rae in the church office to register to attend. If you are interested in representing Zion as a voting delegate, let us know.



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: *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 for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Holly Bell](#), Naomi Brackett, [Jeff Cannedy](#), Linda Cantilena, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), [Beth Gross](#), Sherry Hockman, [Patricia Hohman](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Nicole M, [Sofia Martinez](#), Dee McGlauckin, [James Penick](#), Colleen Rand, [Leslie Rose](#), David Ridenour, [Sammy Rittleberger](#), Betsy Roulette, [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), Ralph & Scherry Sellers, [Staci Shafer](#), Thelma Summers, [Tracy Roach Walls](#), White Family, [Eleanor Wible](#), Belinda Williams, [Eric Wolbring](#), and Robert Yeoman.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Michael Mooers** (Apr 21st), **LoriBeth Martin** (Apr 21st), and **Krista Burgan** (Apr 23rd). 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.



Easter Monday – Apr 18th (Church Office Closed)

Staff Meeting – Apr 19th at 1pm (Burhans Room) *Date Change*

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – Apr 19th from 5 – 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

ONA Team Meeting – Apr 21st at 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

At our Annual Meeting in March, the congregation voted to begin exploring, learning, praying, and discerning how to widen our welcome to be more inclusive of our LGBT siblings. This first ONA Team meeting will be a lunch meeting. Lunch will be provided by the church. We will be establishing a routine meeting schedule, creating a team covenant, getting to know one another better, and brainstorming ideas.

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Apr 21st at 4:30pm via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**

Cinderella Shop – Apr 23rd from 10am – noon (Fellowship Hall Entrance)
More Info at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella

Dinner Theater Rehearsals – Begin next Sunday (Apr 24th) after worship.

2022 Easter Cross

In Memory Of

<i>Gloria & Clive Mooers.....</i>	<i>The Mooers Family</i>
<i>Richard and Margaret Schultz, John Sr. & Lois Miller.....</i>	<i>Randy & Carol Schultz, Megan & Mark Shroyer</i>
<i>Mom, "Beaner" Jones, Grandpa & Grandma Ridenour, Grandpa & Grandma Harshman.....</i>	<i>Kim Ridenour</i>
<i>David & Phyllis Emmert, Robert Sweigert.....</i>	<i>Randy & Barb Hendershot</i>
<i>Geraldine Clutz, Sissie & Dan Hohman.....</i>	<i>Their Families</i>
<i>Anna V Young, Sylvia Ridenour, Dorothy Young Ridenour.....</i>	<i>Dottie DiPoli</i>
<i>Ricky Pietsch, Mom & Dad.....</i>	<i>Rae Smith</i>
<i>Dorothy Young Ridenour.....</i>	<i>A Wells Ridenour</i>
<i>Michael W. Stoner, Clara Schnebly Price.....</i>	<i>Jeanne Price Stoner</i>
<i>Walter F & John David Roulette.....</i>	<i>Betsy Roulette & Beth & Mike Baseler</i>
<i>Susie & Eric Smith.....</i>	<i>Judy Thompson</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Andrew F Ridenour</i>	
<i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Clarence Harshman.....</i>	<i>David E Ridenour</i>
<i>Sylvia Ann Harshman Ridenour.....</i>	<i>David E Ridenour</i>
<i>Joseph & Evelyn Hockman.....</i>	<i>Michael Jones</i>

Presented By

In Honor Of

<i>Chace & Jax Burchard, Atlee Mooers.....</i>	<i>The Mooers Family</i>
<i>Dad, Mackenzie Ridenour, Lori & Kenlin Martin, Zion Youth, 4H Club Youth & Leadership.....</i>	<i>Kim Ridenour</i>
<i>Amber & Curtis, Brynn, Brett & Melissa.....</i>	<i>Mom & Dad</i>
<i>Wells Ridenour, David Ridenour, Kimberly Ridenour.....</i>	<i>Dottie DiPoli</i>
<i>All my Children and their families.....</i>	<i>Rae Smith</i>
<i>All our friends at Zion.....</i>	<i>Rev. Kevin & Margaret Munroe</i>
<i>The Stoner Grandchildren.....</i>	<i>Jeanne Price Stoner</i>
<i>Betsy Roulette.....</i>	<i>Beth & Mike Baseler</i>

Presented By

16 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psa. 48:1

CARL BOBERG
TR. STUART K. HINE

SWEDISH FOLK MELODY
ARR. STUART K. HINE

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain
thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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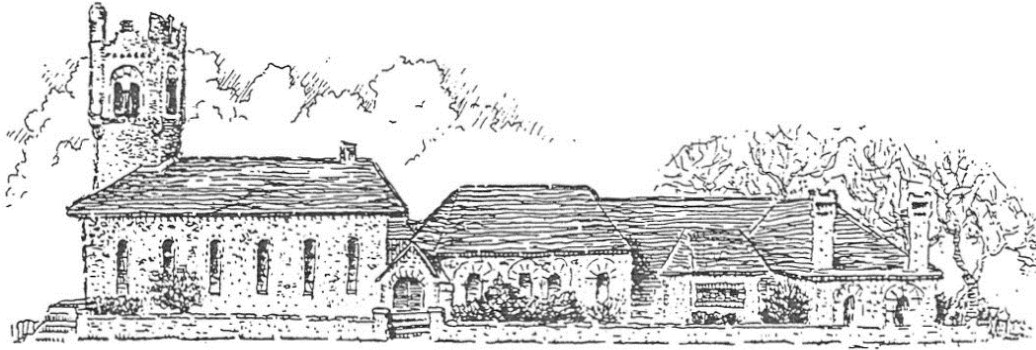
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