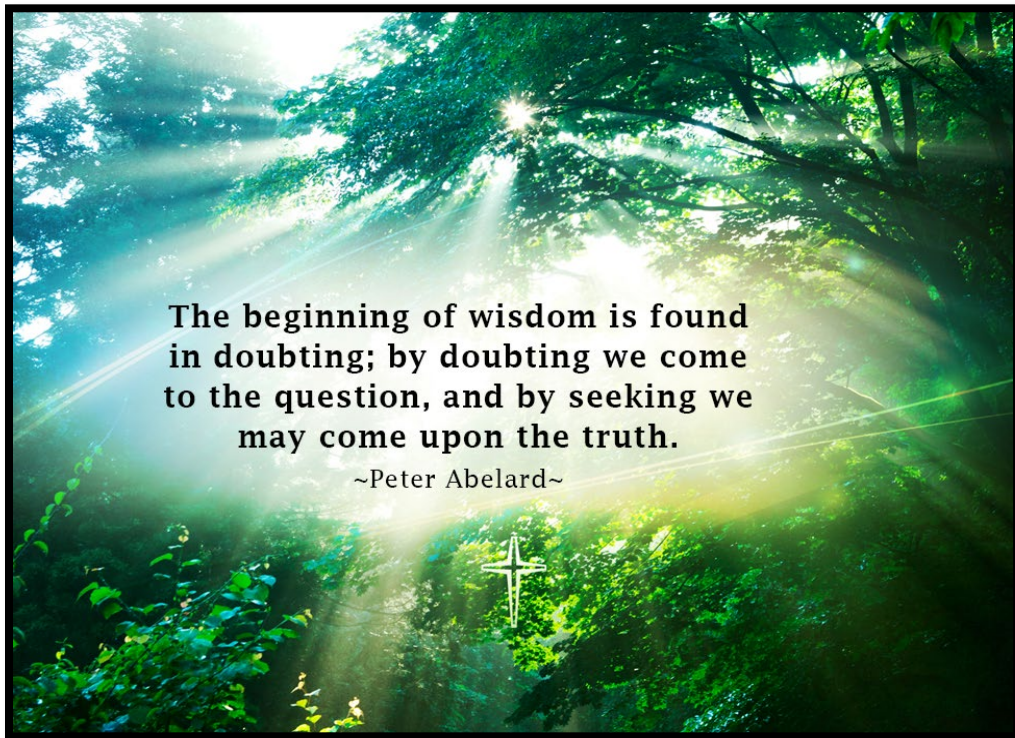


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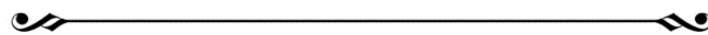
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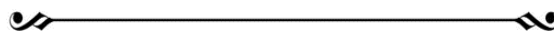
The beginning of wisdom is found
in doubting; by doubting we come
to the question, and by seeking we
may come upon the truth.

~Peter Abelard~



WORSHIP GUIDE

Resurrection Promises



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

Easter Medley

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Entrée Pontificale sur (Resurrexi)"

↑ Call to Community

Behold the light of God!

The light that makes all things new.

The former things shall not be remembered.

God's Light renews us all!

Praying with Ukraine

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"Lift High the Cross"
NCH #198 (Black Hymnal)

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

God of empty tombs and emptier people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us fresh compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Children's Time ✦



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8 (NRSV)
Lector: Calvin Livingston

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Second Lesson

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)
Rev. Katie Penick

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

When Christ Shows Up!

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✨

"Come, We Who Love God's Name"
NCH #379 (Black Hymnal)

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

From our hearts and from our hands, we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you, O God, that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen! Alleluia!

Offertory Interlude ✧

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Thanksgiving and Communion

May the God of resounding joy be with you!

And also with you!

Easter people, may your hearts be filled with joy!

May God fill our emptiness with the carols of angels!

Children of the resurrection, lift your praises to God!

We join with all creation in shouting our praise to the One who loves us!

From the rubble of chaos, O Holy One, you shaped a sanctuary for all of creation. Glorious swans glide gracefully across lakes, tall trees wave across green fields, stars shine joy into the night. You formed us in your image and your Spirit breathed peace into us. But we chose to hide ourselves behind the locked doors of sin, selfishness and death. Prophets came, to witness about your longing to be reconciled to us and to take our fears away from us. When we would not respond to your gracious invitations, Jesus came, to reconnect us to the One who first created us.

With our ancestors in the faith, with our children and grandchildren, with everyone who sees you coming, we join our voices to praise you:

Holy, holy, holy, God of overflowing abundance.

Everything that breathes praises you.

Blessed is the One who you exalt.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of our ancestors and our descendants, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, first and last. As we remember all he did and taught, as we celebrate the wonder of his resurrection, we honor the mystery we call faith:

Christ was the One who died for us;

Christ is the One who is risen for us;

Christ is the One who will come for us.

Through the bread which is broken, we are made whole once again, so we might minister to those who live behind the locked doors of oppression and fear. By the cup which is shared, we are able to believe, even when we cannot see, that your peace is coming to everyone.

And when our lives have ended, when we are gathered in grace and peace with our sisters and brothers from all time, we will join our hearts in praising you, God in Community, Holy in One, who was. who is, and who is to come. Amen.

The Story

Sharing the Meal ✨

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
And may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Prelude to Service ✨

"Trumpet Tune"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of April 24th



Dinner Theater Rehearsals Begin Today

Please remember if you are a member of the Dramatic Arts Team that Dinner Theater rehearsals begin after church today. See Barb Hendershot if you have any questions.



Meal Train Volunteers Needed



We are happy to share with you that Becky Owens returned home yesterday from her surgery which was successful. Your prayers were appreciated! Please continue to pray during this time of recovery for a speedy recovery. A meal train has been started to help reduce stress and to care for our siblings in Christ during this time. If you are able to cook a meal and drop off to them, please sign-up to do so. Sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule on the information table.

HARC Monthly Meeting - This Tuesday

As the COVID-19 pandemic reaches its two-year mark, stress and burnout is real, and taking a toll on everyone, including congregation members and faith leaders. Even with infection numbers currently down, the next variant is right around the corner. For April's meeting, we are grateful to have Rev. Ron Shank, Director of Pastoral Care with Book Lane and Jessie Davis, licensed certified social worker-clinical with Brook Lane, offering a special program for faith leaders and members of the faith community on how to deal with the effects of pandemic stress in their congregations and engage in self-care! This meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th at 1pm in the chapel at Zion Reformed UCC. Find more info and RSVP to attend this meeting at www.zionreformed.church/HARCmtg.



From Surviving to Thriving



The Central Atlantic Conference Vitality Team invites you to attend a free online vitality workshop via ZOOM on May 7th from 9am to noon. Register online at:

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

Living out our Gospel imprint in this time requires intention. Join us as we talk about vitality, accessing your strengths as a congregation and the power of working together. Does your church need to look more closely at its vitality? Join the Church Vitality Team for an informative morning of information, dialogue, and practical tools for self-examination and living your best church life. You will be led by a team of talented pastors who have diverse experience in service to churches of both urban and rural. Both lay persons and clergy are encouraged to attend this exciting educational opportunity.

Catoctin Association Spring Meeting

The Catoctin Association Spring Meeting will be Saturday, May 14th from 9am – 11:30am at Evangelical & Reformed UCC in Frederick, MD, with satellite locations offered at Zion Reformed UCC in Hagerstown and St. Mary's UCC in Westminster. You may also choose to attend via ZOOM from the comfort of your own home. If you are interested in attending this event, participating in our church's wider mission (OCWM), let Rae or Pastor Katie know or register online at www.zionreformed.church/SpringMtg.



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](#), Beck Owens, [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 **Kenlin Martin** (Apr 24th), **Burnie Clutz** (Apr 26th), and **Michael Heyser** (Apr 28th). 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.



Outreach Team Meeting – Apr 25th at 1pm (Burhans Room)

Christian Ed Team Meeting – Apr 25th at 4pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

HARC Monthly Meeting – Apr 26th at 1pm (Chapel)

More Info at www.zionreformed.church/HARCmtg

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – Apr 26th from 5 – 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

Properties Team Meeting – Apr 27th at 4pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

Search & Call Team Meeting – Apr 27th at 5:30pm (Burhans Room/Hybrid)

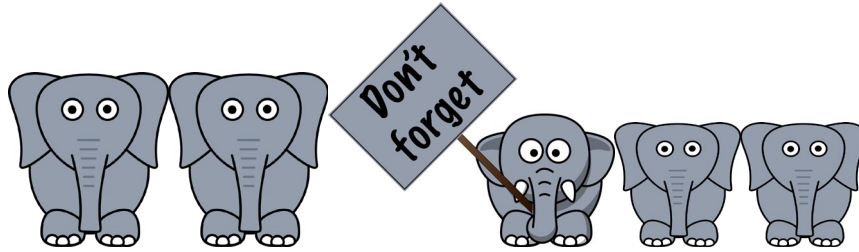
Executive Team Meeting – Apr 28th at 2pm (ZOOM)

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Apr 28th at 4:30pm via Zoom

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

Cinderella Shop – Apr 30th 10am – noon (Fellowship Hall Entrance)

More Info at www.zionreformed.church/cinderella



Helping our Ukrainian Siblings: A Call to Action

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 or by mailing a check designated "Ukrainian Relief Fund" to the church at Zion Reformed UCC, 201 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.



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

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 presents "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 (see Barb Hendershot or coordinate with the church office). 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.



Preparations for Ash Wednesday:
Burning of the Palms



Member Timeline: At our Annual Meeting worship service (Mar 27th), everyone gathered in a "timeline" showcasing when they (or their families) became involved with Zion. Over 100-years of Zion history was represented! (*newer participants in front*)



Palm Sunday (Apr 10th): Gathering of the Palms at the end of the service for next years' ashes.



Palm Sunday (Apr 10th): Blessing of the Prayer Blankets.



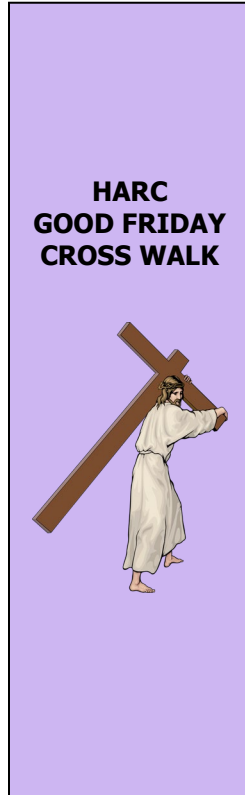
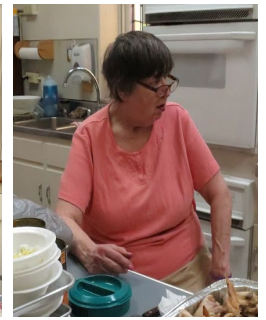
We received 3 new members during our Palm Sunday service on April 10th.



Be sure to welcome our newest members: Beth, Missy, and Jean to the Zion family.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Sunday 2022





The Flowering of the Cross

One of the great Easter traditions practiced by many Protestant churches (Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran...) is the flowering of the cross. This tradition begins with a bare wooden cross, dotted with pin holes, covered with chicken wire or strung with vines that is placed in the church or on the church lawn. Then at a designated time on either Holy Saturday or Easter Morning, the process of decorating the entire cross with fresh colorful flowers begins, usually an assortment of lilies, daisies, tulips, and carnations are used but any spring flower will work. In many churches, members of the congregation bring flowers or greenery from home to place on the cross Easter morning during their worship service. Other churches prepare the cross Saturday evening with flowers purchased by the church and gather around the already decorated cross Sunday morning.

What's behind this? Is it just a pretty decoration? Well, it does look beautiful but there are also some beautiful traditions and meanings associated with the flowering of the cross.

The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among us today. In another variation of this ceremony worshipers cover the cross with homemade butterflies, another symbol of new life.

The tradition of the flowering of the cross is believed to date back as far as the 6th-century based on artwork from this era depicting a flowering cross. As with any long-standing tradition, there are many legends associated with the flowering of the cross that may or may not be true. You'll have to decide for yourself.

The tree of life in the Garden of Eden has often been seen as a prefiguring of the cross. Some legends even say that the wood of Christ's cross came from the tree of life or from a tree that grew from seeds of the tree of life. Another legend says that at Christ's death the cross burst into blooming flowers. Either way, the flowering of the cross reminds us that Christ is the new tree of life and every cross now flowers with new life. Death has been defeated and Christ is risen. Alleluia!



HE IS Risen HE IS Risen HE IS Risen

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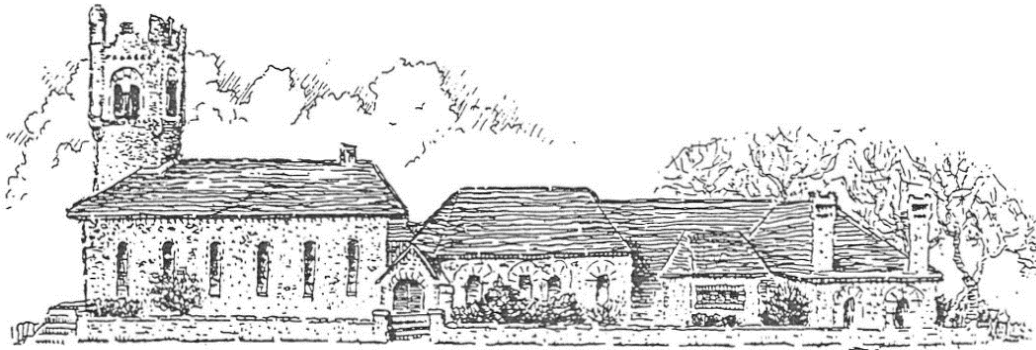
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