

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourth Sunday of Easter ☞ May 8th, 2022 ☞ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Resurrection Promises

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

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✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

"Scenes from Childhood"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"In Thee is Joy"

↑ Call to Community

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

↑ Opening Prayer

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."

↑ Praying with Ukraine

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"To You, O God, All Creatures"
NCH #17 (Black Hymnal)

Litany for Mother's Day

Based on the Writings of St. Anselm (1033-1109)
and Church of England's Service of Mothering Sunday

O God, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Your warmth gives life to the dead; your touch makes sinners righteous.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Christ Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Gather your little ones to you, O God as a hen gathers her brood to protect them. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Children's Time ✧

↑ Hymn of Adoration ✧

"Standing Before US"
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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)
Lector: Rae Smith

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

The Calling Voice

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

O God, take these gifts and multiply them for the healing of your beloved world; know that we offer them as praise to you: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power! Amen.

Offertory Interlude ✧

"When in the Hour of Utmost Need"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Introduction

On this Mother's Day and we celebrate communion a little differently – drawing on the feminine imagery of the communion table. Jesus says, "This is my body broken for you" and "This is my blood shed for you." All of this embraces us and brings about new life. How similar to what a mother can say to the baby she just birthed. For a mother's body, too, is broken; and her blood, is shed, as she makes way for new life.

Today we remember Mary, who birthed Jesus and held him as he took his first breath... and stood quietly by as he took his last breath, nailed upon a cross. Mary, who understood more than anyone, how Jesus brings new life out of brokenness and continues the circle of life as a never-ending continuum.

Invitation

As we ponder these things in our hearts, let us remember all that Jesus has done for us.

Prayer of Preparation

Cradling God, You know us before we take our first breath and surround us with love throughout our lives. No matter how hard we try, we cannot hide from you or keep our secrets hidden from your sight. May your healing touch strengthen us, your Holy Spirit, inspire us and may we be filled with what we need today to go out and share your sacred love and welcoming presence, like a mother hen gathering her chicks to the abundant table of life. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

The Story

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took the bread, and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body broken for you. Take and eat and as often as you do, do so in remembrance of me.

Likewise, Jesus took the cup and blessed it and said, "This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Take and drink. As often as you do, do so in remembrance of me."

The Blessing

Loving God, like a mother, you brought all things into being. Through trial and truth-telling, touch, and tenderness, you nurture your people and lead us in the ways of justice and peace. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ incarnate in this world, redeemed by Christ's blood. Amen.

Adapted from Kate Wallace Nunnally A Mother's Day Liturgy | The Junia Project

Sharing the Meal ✧

*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.**

↑ Closing Hymn ✧

*"Bring Many Names"
NCH #11 (Black Hymnal)*

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Go forth in peace. Follow our Shepherd through the darkest valleys to springs of living water for all. Let us go forth praising God:

"Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power; Forever and ever!"

God be with you! Amen!

Prelude to Service ✧

Toccata from "Symphony No. 5"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 8th



George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship Fund Accepting Applications

The George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship Fund is NOW accepting applications through June 30th. Applicants must be a Zion member seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher-learning during the 2022-2023 academic year. Application packets are available in the vestibule and in the church office. You may also download the application at www.zionreformed.church/scholarship. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated and can be done online at www.zionreformed.church/give, in-person, or by mail. Simply designate your donation for the Scholarship Fund.



Catoctin Association Spring Meeting This Saturday



The Catoctin Association Spring Meeting is Saturday, May 14th from 9am – 11:30am with an Ecumenical Council for Pastor Debra Peters-Wilcox immediately after. This Ecumenical Council is the exciting next step in the process to ordination in our dear friend's ordination journey. Let us show her our support!

Participate in YOUR association's life by registering to attend this meeting at one of four options: 1) In-person at Evangelical & Reformed UCC in Frederick, 2) Satellite campus @ Zion Reformed in Hagerstown, 3) Satellite campus @ St. Mary's in Westminster, or 4) By ZOOM from anywhere you have an internet connection. 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.

Call for Graduates

Are you or one of your loved ones graduating from high school, college, or graduate school? We would like to honor this year's graduates on June 26th during worship. Please submit the name of graduate, school or college graduating from, diploma receiving, and a picture if you like to be included in the multimedia slides. We hope your graduate can join us to be honored in-person during worship but if attendance is not possible, don't worry, we will still honor your special graduate!



Dinner Theater Rescheduled



Zion's Dramatic Arts Department announces that "The Science of Murder" Dinner Theater has been rescheduled for November 19th due to scheduling conflicts. We hope no further scheduling issues arise so that we may bring this extraordinary production to life for you. It will be worth the wait and something you are sure to enjoy!

Summer Block Party

The weather's warming up (or so we think most days), schools almost out, and summer is almost here, so why not plan to spend some time in the sun with your family and neighbors at our summer block party in the parking lot? From 3pm – 5pm on Saturday, June 18th we will be serving up free treats (hot dogs, and more) and Connections 6:8 will partner with us once again offering free popcorn and cotton candy. There will be games, music, and plenty of fun! Volunteers are needed and can sign-up in the vestibule choosing convenient 2-hour shifts so you have time to also enjoy the event too! Your help is always appreciated and does not go unnoticed!



Volunteers Needed

Do you have a background in multimedia or audio or have a desire to learn? As the multimedia station comes close to being finalized, we are looking for volunteers to help flip slides and monitor the sound. If you are interested in helping in any capacity in this important ministry please see Michael.

Our Joys & Concerns

Happy Mothering Sunday

Happy Mothering Sunday to all women! We appreciate you and all that you do! We appreciate your nurturing care, compassion, and love. We hope you enjoy this special day recognizing you as we all reflect upon the Good Shepherd's similar traits of nurture and care.

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, Cisco, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), [Beth Gross](#), Sherry Hockman, [Patricia Hohman](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondra Kane](#), Kemp-Leach Family, [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](#), Thomas Wetzal, [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 **Randy Schultz** (May 9th), **Marilyn Newlin** (May 11th), and **Kelly Weicht** (May 13th). 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.



Mother's Day – May 8th (Happy Mothering Sunday)

Search & Call Team Mtg – May 9th at 5:30pm

Tuesday's Supper – May 10th, 5-6:30pm
(dine-in and carry-out options available)

Staff Team Meeting – May 12th at 12pm

4-H Club – May 12th at 4:30pm via Zoom
See Kim Ridenour for more information

Catoctin Association Spring Meeting – May 14th, 9am-11:30pm

Ecumenical Council begins at 11:30am.

Register at www.zionreformed.church/springmtg





MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

For Church Staff And
Parishioners

This course teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to provide initial help and support to someone who may be experiencing a crisis.

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

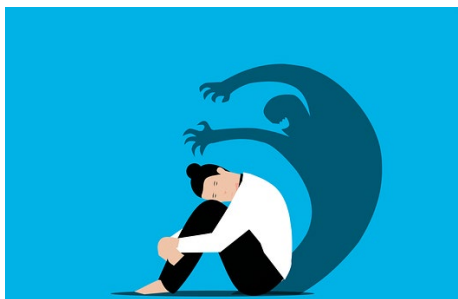
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A training manual, continental breakfast, soup & salad lunch will be provided. Free-Will donations are greatly accepted. *\$25 fee for non-Zion participants.

This course will be taught by William Brick, a certified MHFA instructor and current instructor at Brook Lane Health Services. William has been teaching this course for more than 5 years and is recognized as a skilled instructor, providing valuable insights and techniques that attendees can immediately put into practice.

For more information or to register, call Rae Smith at Zion Reformed UCC at 301-739-7244.



Standing Before Us

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Verse

These are the women who throughout the decades have led us and helped us to know — .

Where we have come from and where we are going, the women who've helped us to grow — .

Chorus

Standing be- fore — us — , making us strong — .

Lending their wis- dom — to help us a- long — .

shar-ing a vis-ion . Shar-ing a dream .

1, 2, 3.

touch-ing our thoughts, touch-ing our lives like a deep flow-ing stream .

4. Final ending

touch-ing our thoughts, touch-ing our lives like a deep flow-ing stream .

rit.

2. These are the women who
joined in the struggle,
Angry and gentle and wise.
These are the women who
called us to action,
Who called us to open our eyes.

3. These are the women who
nurtured our spirits,
The ones on whom we could depend.
These are the women who
gave us their courage,
Our mentors, our sisters, our friends.

4. These are a few of the women who led us.
We know there have been many more.
We name but a few, yet we honor them all,
Those women who went on before.

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