

Luke 24: 36b – 48

<sup>36</sup> And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>37</sup> But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

<sup>38</sup> “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” <sup>40</sup> As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he ate it as they watched.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations,<sup>[a]</sup> beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things.

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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Jesus, stand among us in Thy risen power;  
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.



*Good Morning and  
Welcome to Zion's  
Reformed Church.  
We are glad you're  
here!*

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

For those of you gathered in this physical space, please remain seated, keep your masks on for the duration of the service, and maintain physical distance as you leave the service.

Thank you, Pastor Glenn for leading worship while Pastor June is on vacation.

Thank you Allen Morrill for providing special music today.

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ramsey and Phyllis Huntley, by Cynthia Snyder.

Ushers today are Parke Wentling and Ruth Herrick at the front door and Teri Swartzbeck at the back door.

All children are invited to the Youth Center after the Children's Message for Church Happening.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

### COFFEE HOUR



Coffee Hour will begin again on May 9. Packaged snack items and coffee and punch will be available in the chapel with socially distanced seating in the Anderson Lounge.

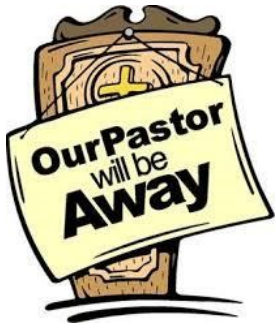
### CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir will be back in May!  
Rehearsals begin Thursday,  
April 29 at 7:00.



### CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held for all of our members who died during COVID restrictions (since March 2020). The candlelight service will be Friday, May 21 at 7:30 in the church parking lot. Watch the newsletter for further information.



### VACATION

Pastor June will be on vacation from April 14 through April 27. Pastor Glenn will be in the pulpit on April 18 and 25 and will be leading the Immerse Class.

## Prayer Chain



The Prayer Chain will begin meeting again on the last Sunday of every month in **the Jackson Conference Room**. The first meeting will be April 25 after worship.

Members of the prayer chain are Pastor June, LaWanda Johnston, Pat Seiple, Jean Fagley, Ruth Cooper, April Konig, Marion Krieder, Chris Stockner, Nancy Sault, Linda Seeley, Pat Houpt, Josie Harbaugh, Pastor Glenn and Pastor Bob Kobele. If you have a prayer request, please notify one of the members or the church office.

## ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor**  
**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

April 18, 2021, 10:30 am

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Allison, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Iris Wentling, Acolyte

THE PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. John Turner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace Be With You.” (Luke: 24; 36)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Allison, Lector

Leader: Christ is Risen, and greets us with peace.

All: **The peace of Christ is among us, indeed.**

Leader: We are witnesses of God’s glory and steadfast love.

ALL: **The transforming love of Christ is among us, indeed!**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

**God of love and light, we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness, amazed to discover your transformative love. God, we desire for you to abide within us, and for your grace to be revealed anew daily. Be with us and awaken within us the call to love one another, in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING SONG "Come Into His Presence" (bulletin page 6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-present God, Forgive us when we stand in disbelief, and comfort us when our fears outweigh your peace. God, forgive us when we become too busy to pray. Help us when we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, forgive us when we are overwhelmed with bad news, and shut down completely. In these times, remind us that we are called to be your love in the world, your faithful witnesses, and your humble servants. Help us to wake up to the work of love, and to your renewing strength each day, we pray. Amen.**

OUR SILENT, PERSONAL, PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A SONG OF ASSURANCE

**In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree,  
In cocoons a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free.  
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be.  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN



BACKPACK PROGRAM

Zion's will be packing backpacks on Tuesday, April 20. Please contact Leslie Graul if you would like to help. 724-588-7686 or 724-456-3947.



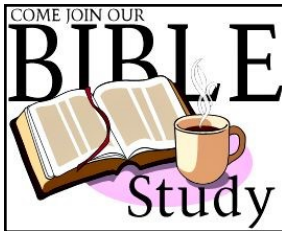
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

The Good Shepherd Center request for April is canned vegetables and peanut butter.

The Thrift Store at The Good Shepherd Center is now open Monday thru Friday from 10:00-4:00.

The Mercer County Housing Authority is offering rent and utility relief for landlords and tenants. Applications can be obtained from The Good Shepherd Center at 35 S. Water St. (Food Pantry).





The Immerse Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 11:00 in the Anderson Lounge. There is no Thursday class.

### KNITTING GROUP RECONVENES!

If you like to knit or crochet, or maybe you just need to get out of the house and enjoy fellowship with others, please come to the Anderson Lounge on Tuesdays at 1:00.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES at 9:15

Sunday School for Elementary students is held in Fisher Hall and is led by Debbie Frerotte and Lynn Rinella.

Sunday School for JR/SR High students is held in the Youth Center and is led by Shannon Ritzert.

The Adult Class meets in Anderson Lounge and is led by Pastor Glenn.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

### PRAYER RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love, send us power, send us Grace.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
Allen Morrill, Vocals and Trumpet Soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24: 36b – 48 (back of bulletin)

SERMON: "Christ Among Us!"

### WE BRING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. The ushers will bring forward our gifts to be dedicated at the altar as we sing the doxology.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (page 7)

### A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION THIS WEEK:

"Church is what happens when people are faithful witnesses to the saving action of God, in and for the world, in Jesus Christ." (Aaron Miller)

Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing in your heart and give Him  
 praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks -  
 giv-ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise.  
 Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to  
 Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the  
 joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,  
 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,  
 oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainscoat

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