

When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"I am the resurrection
and the life."*

John 11:25

Ezekiel 37:1-14



*Good
morning and
welcome to
Zion's
Reformed Church!*

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will be leading worship today.
Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Frances McClimans, by Ann and family.

Ushering today are Pat Seiple, John Enterline, Teri Swartzbeck and Sandy Harter.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

The Prayer Chain will meet in the chapel after the service.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

John 11:1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

March 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS George Donner, 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 Sophie Powell, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "Like a River Glorious" Gina Springer

*GATHERING SONG "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (page 7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, who is the Breath of Life, animates us.

People: We come before God seeking renewal within our hearts.

Leader: We know that when God speaks great things happen.

People: We ask God to empower us to make great things happen.

All: With open hearts and minds, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 7 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

~please be seated~

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION - RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: During the season of Lent, we look at the cost of our redemption.

People: Through the sacrifice of Christ we are reconciled with God.

Leader: We acknowledge that our money, our bodies, and our time belong to God.

People: Through the sacrifice of Christ we are reconciled with God.

Leader: We relinquish our desire to cover up our own unrighteousness.

People: Through the sacrifice of Christ we are reconciled with God.

Leader: We humbly and joyfully claim God's promise of eternal life.

People: Through the sacrifice of Christ we are reconciled with God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we thank you for your supreme sacrifice, and for welcoming us into the fellowship of believers. We bow in gratitude, awed by the magnitude of your love and grace. Teach us to give back to you all that we are and all that we have, that we may praise you with our whole lives, and that we may become living sacrifices to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



DINNER AND A MOVIE
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30

This is "E" week, therefore our light supper will be
??????????

That's up to you! Bring a food item (ready to eat) that begins with the letter "E".

The next episode of The Chosen will be shown in the Chapel after dinner.

Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter?

The flowers are \$9.00/Ea. and can be purchased "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one.

NAME _____

QUANTITY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Flower orders are due by April 5

How Deep the Father's Love

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us! How vast be - yond all
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing; no gifts, no pow'r, no

mea - sure! That He should give His on - ly Son to
 should - ers. A - shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His

make a wretch His treas - ure! How great the pain of sear - ing loss! The
 out a - mong the scoff - ers. It was His love that held Him there un -
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther's son for - sa - ken; as wounds which mar the
 til it was ac - com - plished. His dy - ing breath has
 can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with

Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart; His wounds have paid my ran - som.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
 read - y for those who love him; Spir - it of
 love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
 teach us the wis - dom of God.

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Clown Worms"

CHOIR ANTHEM "In Winter" Rebecca Rossiter
 Ladies Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE 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.

*HYMN "How Deep The Father's Love for Us" (bulletin page 8)

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (bulletin page 10)
 Gospel John 11: 1-45 (bulletin pages 11 & 12)

SERMON "Suffering Does Not Have the Last Word"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "At the Fireside" Robert Schumann

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Divine Sustainer, receive this offering that we gladly give.

May it be used to revive and restore those in need wherever they live in our communities, our nation, or around the world.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 485 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Plenty Good Room" arr. by Lloyd Larson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2: Palm Sunday, Confirmation and Communion at 10:30.

April 6: Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00.

April 7: Good Friday Community Service at 1:00 in Thiel's Chapel.

April 9: Easter Sunday Communion Service at 10:30.

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, -

- from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; -

- from the cross to the grave, - from the grave to the sky; -

- Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

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