

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

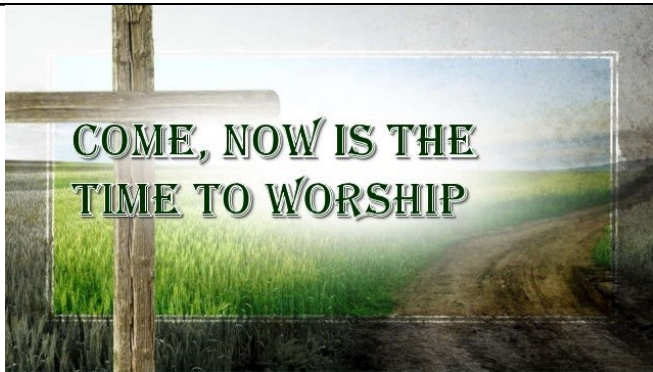
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Good morning and welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

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

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Ruth and
Woody Woodworth, by their daughters Debbie and
Dotty.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Vanessa
Saylor and Debbie Woodworth.

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 ser-
vice for coffee and conversation.

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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: " 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

DINNER & A MOVIE

DINNER AND A MOVIE CONTINUES
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30

Bring a dish to share and it doesn't matter what
letter it starts with!



The Good Shepherd Center
request for April is

CANNED VEGETABLES AND CEREAL

Barrels are located in the front and back entrances of
the church for your donations.

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.

April 16, 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

Lara Baker, 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

Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE

"No Other Name"

Robert Gay/Kurt Kaiser

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to worship.

People: And we come!

Leader: Some from a sense of obligation, others with heavy
hearts.

People: God calls us to worship and we come.

Leader: Some with distraction or exhaustion, some with stress
or loneliness.

People: And we come!

Leader: As God's dearly loved children.

**People: We bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope into this
place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope.**

*OPENING HYMN "Lord of the Dance" (bulletin pages 6 and 7)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come to worship to praise God.

People: **We remember our own faults and problems.**

Leader: With loving compassion, God hears our words.

People: **We turn to God in confession together.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When our thoughts, beliefs, and behavior turn from You, we long to be placed back on Your path.

Forgive us. Turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your way.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of God is unending.

People: **The love of God is all encompassing.**

Leader: The peace we share in Christ is fathomless.

People: **We are forgiven, today and all days. Thanks be to God!**

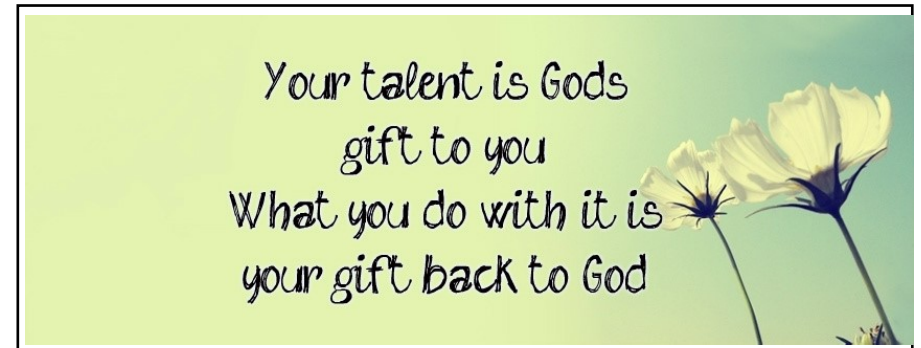
~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Where Would You Hide?"

SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Wonderful World" Weiss/Thiele
Lily Thomas - Ukulele and Vocals

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.



Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God

We welcome back Lily Thomas this morning for special music. Lily, the daughter of Frank and Shannon Thomas, is a freshman at Greenville High School.

Lily is a member of the GHS marching band steel drum band, and recently played "the little red headed girl" in the Spring musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." The Thomas' home parish is St. Michael's and we warmly welcome them this morning to Zion's.

Thank you, Lily, for sharing your time and talent!

Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862
 HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Melody by Rowland H. Prichard, 1855

Used by perm. CCL15046

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 We with him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une ma - jes - ty.

*HYMN "Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" (bulletin page 8)

SCRIPTURES

History of the Early Church Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (bulletin page 11)
 Gospel John 20:19-31 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Behind Closed and Locked Doors"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sonatina" Jane Smisor Bastien

1) Allegro con brio

Lily Thomas, Piano

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We receive these gifts gratefully, and we dedicate them to the work of our congregation; welcoming the stranger and upholding religious freedom; honoring human wholeness and caring for our planet. Together, we seek to serve with ever-greater love.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 241 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE
LORD OF THE DANCE irregular

adapted from a Shaker melody
by Sydney Carter 1915-

Unison G Bm Em

I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun,

Am D7

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;

G Em Bm Em

and I came down from hea-ven and I danced on the earth -

Am D7 C G

at Beth - le - hem I had my birth.

Refrain Bm Em

Dance then wher - ev - er you may be;

G Am D

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;

G C G D7 G

I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be,

Am D7 G C G

I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.
Dance then wherever you may be ...
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.
Dance then wherever you may be ...
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone -
but I am the dance and I still go on.
Dance then wherever you may be ...
- 5 They cut me down and I leap up high:
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance then wherever you may be ...

Sydney Carter 1915-

The small notes are for v. 5

The stanzas may be sung by a soloist
and the refrain by the people.