

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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## *Good Morning! Happy Easter!*

Welcome to Zion's Reformed Church. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Ushers this month are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Vanessa Saylor and Debbie Woodworth.

Serving Communion are Carol Saal, Bill Henry, Teri Swartzbeck, Chris Stockner, Pat Seiple and Carol Holler.

The lilies in the sanctuary are donated by friends and members of the congregation and listed on the insert.

There is no Church Happening today. Children are invited to stay for the entire service.

There is no coffee hour today.

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Children's Activity Books** are available in the back of the sanctuary.

We are grateful, Almighty God

For the gift of new beginnings,

For new days,

For new opportunities,

For new hopes and dreams,

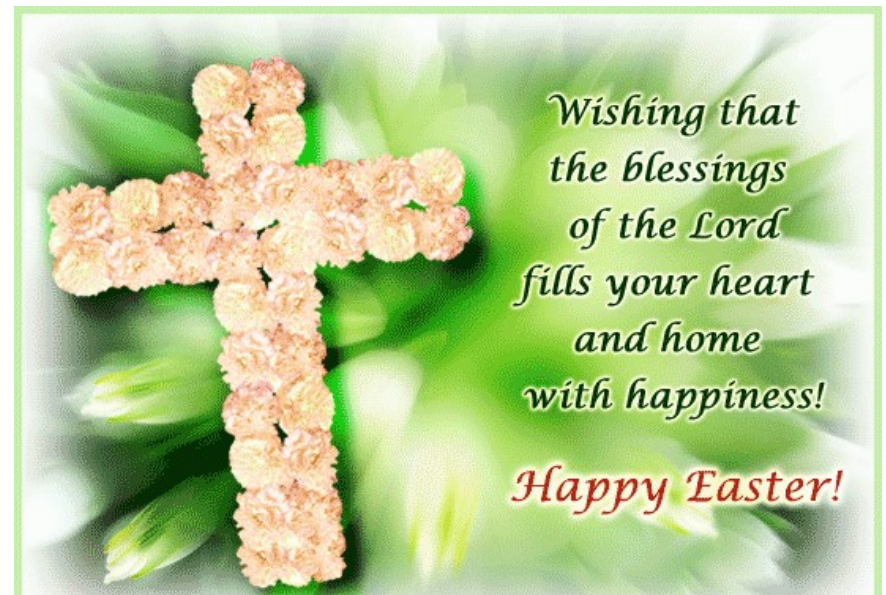
For new birth through faith in Christ,

For new life through the resurrection of Jesus,

For new outpourings of your Holy Spirit,

And for the promise of eternal joy in your eternal kingdom,

Thank you, O Lord, for the joy of this Blessed Easter Morning!





\*A LITANY OF EASTER JOY

Leader: God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

People: **Since, therefore we are now justified by His blood....how much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.**

Leader: For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like this.

People: **The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 233 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of transformation, where we have been fearful and doubting, bring new life. Where we have been unforgiving, bring new life. Where we have hardened our hearts against another, bring new life. Where we have sown discord and hurt others, bring new life. Where we have been greedy or selfish, bring new life. Where we have been misguided and confused, bring new life. O Lord, forgive our many sins and bring new life to your people. May our lives truly proclaim Jesus a Savior, the one who sets us free to live forever. Amen.**

\*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "He Is Risen" Nancy Price/Don Besig

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 10: 34-43 (back of bulletin)  
John 20: 1-18 (Pew Bible page 947)

SERMON "The Attraction"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Risen" Shawna Edwards  
Ruth Herrick, Soloist

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory "Rejoice, The Lord is King" Lani Smith  
\*The Doxology #780  
\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN NO. 242 "The Strife is O'er"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(please remain seated during the sharing of the bread and cup)

During the distribution of the cup, we will sing:

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;**

**Let us break bread together on our knees: (con't)**