

Zion United Church of Christ
Sunday March 17th, 2024 --- 10:30 AM
Rev Stephen Stark
(*Please stand if comfortably able)



Prelude
Acolyte
Ringing of Bell
Liturgist

Roberta Swaim
Jonah Stark
Usher
Kathy Sinkey

Welcome

**Passing of the Peace*

**Opening Music* --- "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" --- #403

**Call to Worship*

New life rises!

That which rises, must first fall and die.

Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to the ground.

The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.

Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.

And God will raise us up anew.

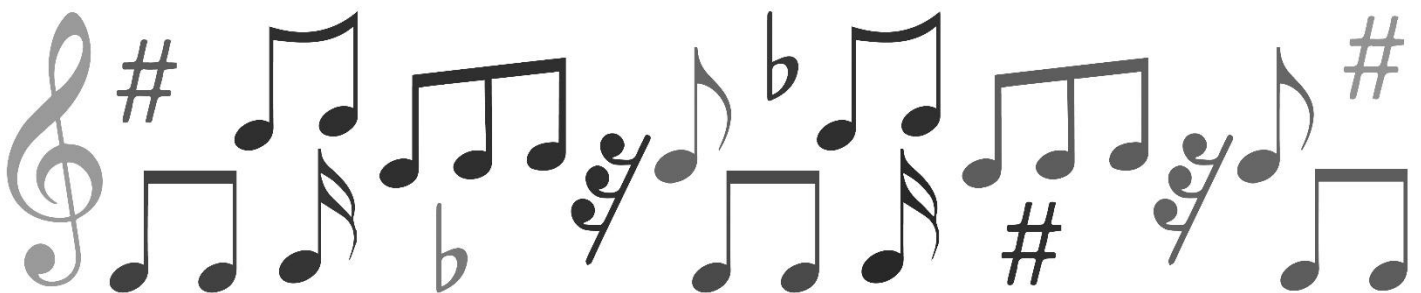
**Opening Prayer*

Children's Time

Worship Hymn --- "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" --- #539 --- VS 1, 2, 4

Prayers for the World

Worship Hymn --- "O Jesus, I Have Promised" --- #493



Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10

Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Christ.

*Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Here ends the reading of the word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Depths of Love: "Whoever Serves"

Rev. Stephen Stark

Service of Holy Communion
(Red Wine or White Grape Juice)

Hymn of Preparation --- "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" --- #448

Communion Prayer

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God, who gives us courage,
to the One who calls us to lives of service, we give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Blessed is your presence among us.**

Mystery of Faith

**Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

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, for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, your bread and your cup renew our spirits. No matter the times we have failed to show up to your call, or to our own needs, or to the cries of our neighbors, you receive us again. May your unending grace be our foundation as we journey with Christ towards a just peace. Amen.

Announcements for the Good of the Community

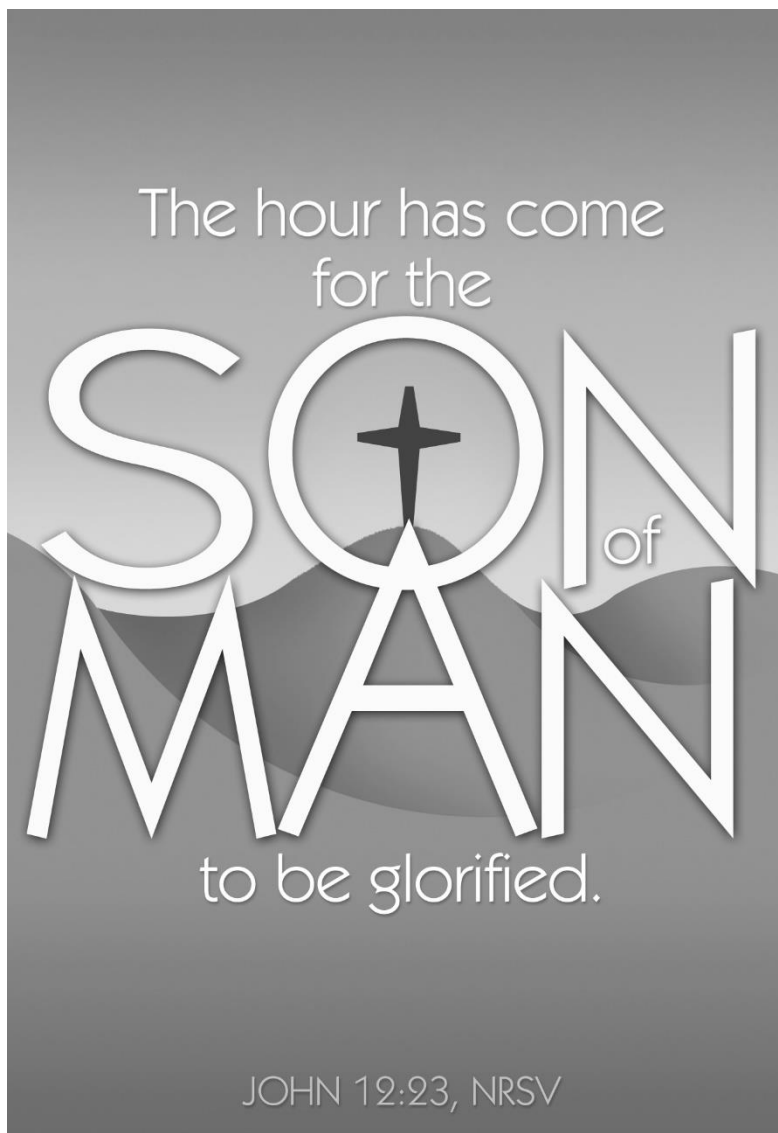
Prayer of Dedication

O God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the abundance you have given us and allow it to fall so that you may multiply it to give life to your world. May it be so. Amen.

**Closing Music --- "Guide My Feet" --- #497*

**Benediction*

**Postlude Music*



Pray for...Those Who Cannot Be Here with Us

Sharol Guerin, Dorothy Bridgeforth, June Mitchell, Bill Malina, Jody and Larry Cox

Pray for...Those with Health Concerns

Rebecca Catlin, Jim & Judy Korte, Logan & Zoey Vallee, Paul Sterrett, and Justin Groennert

Pray for...Ministers and Ministries

Waterloo Zion UCC Rev. Patrick Poole & Wood River St. John UCC Rev. John Pawloski

Announcements...

- Thank you Fish Fry volunteers and patrons!
- Ecumenical Lenten Service Date Change – Mar 27th, 7pm @ First Baptist Church of NB
- Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt Sign Up – Located in Pews

March 24th Service

Volunteers

- Liturgists: Julie Edwards & Bev Adams
- Techs: Vicki Walthes & Scott Billhartz
- Acolytes: Brody Zotz & Seth Stark

Upcoming Events...

- Mar. 18th – Council @ 7pm
- Mar. 21st – ONA Mtg @ 6:30pm
- Mar. 27th – Ecumenical Easter Service at First Baptist Church of NB @ 7pm
- Mar 28th – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm
- Mar. 29th – Good Friday Service @ 7pm
- Mar 31st – Easter Services 8am & 10:30am;
Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt Between Services



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Service Credits

Communion Liturgy – adapted Communion Liturgies Lent, Communion Liturgies - enfolded

Liturgy adapted – Single Grains: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B, Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Lent-5B-March-17

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