

*Zion United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 14th --- 8:00 AM*

Rev. Andrea Asselmeier
(*Please stand if comfortably able)



Prelude
Acolyte
Ringing of Bell
Liturgist

Joni Kloeckner
Carly Zotz
Usher
Michelle Washburn

Welcome

**Passing of the Peace*

**Opening Music --- "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling" --- #67 --- VS 1-3*

**Call to Worship*

Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope
as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

"Peace be with you."

When peace and justice seem uncertain,
let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**"Why are you troubled,
and why do doubts rise in your minds?"**

Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ,
whose love, and light dwells within us.

Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace
to all in need of God's healing love.

**Opening Prayer*

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Hymn --- "I Come to the Garden Alone" --- #237 --- VS 1-2

Holy Scriptures

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

*Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

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

Sermon

“Christ Be With You”

Rev. Andrea Asselmeier

Service of Holy Communion

(Red Wine or White Grape Juice)

Hymn of Preparation --- “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” --- #336 --- VS 1-2

Communion Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of
 pow - er God of might. Hea - ven and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Mystery of Faith



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.

Sharing the Elements

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

Invitation to Giving

All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love.

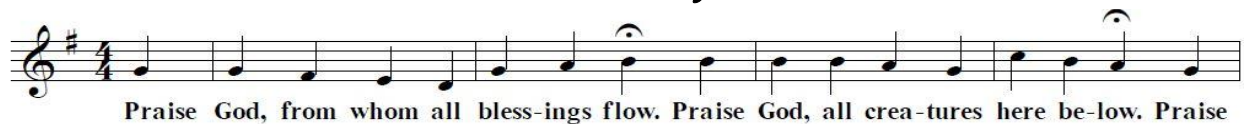
Let us give with a joyful heart.

God's generous love has given us every good and gracious gift.

We offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

**Offering*



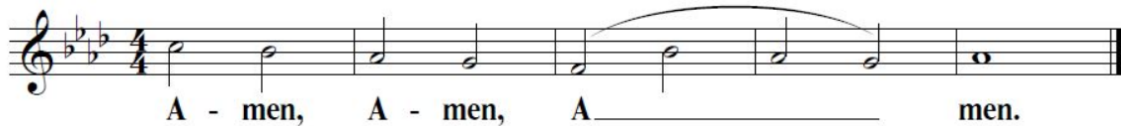
**Prayer of Dedication*

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation.

**Closing Music* --- "The Day of Resurrection" --- #245

**Benediction*

**Threefold Amen*



**Postlude Music*

Today, We Pray for...

Sharol Guerin, Dorothy Bridgforth, June Mitchell, Bill Malina, Jody & Larry Cox, and Janice Kolmer, Rebecca Catlin, Jim & Judy Korte, and Logan & Zoey Vallee

We pray for Pastor Stephen as his family gathers this weekend to celebrate the life of his step-mother, Karen Stark, who passed in November of last year.

Carlyle Immanuel UCC (Rev. Ken Schafer) & Central City Zion UCC (Rev. Nancy Peebles)

Announcements...

- Eden Theological Seminary Giving Envelope in memory of Rev. Kuhlenschmidt
- Kids Collection Corner for April is spices, such as salt, pepper, cinnamon, etc.
- Meal & Mingle at Urban Farmhouse in Highland, IL. Sign up sheet in gathering space
- Church Wide Yard Sale; Sign up sheet in gathering space or contact office with questions

Upcoming Events...

- Apr. 15th – Council @ 7pm
- Apr. 18th – ONA Mtg @ 6:30pm
- Apr. 21st – Meal & Mingle, Urban Farmhouse in Highland, IL @ 1pm
- Apr. 27th – Church Wide Yard Sale
7am – 2pm

April 21st Service Volunteers

- Liturgists: Charissa Thorpe & Molly Stark
- Techs: Rodney Washburn & Bev Adams
- Acolytes: Mallory Sommers & Silas Korte

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