

Worship Helpers

Council Representative for April

The Council Rep is responsible for reading announcements today. Any additional church-related announcements, please contact that person before the service.

Scripture Reader: Craig Hink

Head Usher: Ron Weyl

Many thanks to those serving this morning!

***YOU ARE NEEDED!** We invite you to review the opportunities for participating listed on sign-up sheets in the narthex. There are many open dates that worship assistants are needed. Please check the listing and sign up.*

MUSICAL RESOURCES FOR TODAY...

Prelude "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" arr. Strite
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX3T5sL0pzY>

* **Hymn** I Come with Joy Brian Wren
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vp8J6DOemus>

Anthem "Commission" Cain
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGCfzTwyiHg>

Sermon Hymn "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" Gillard
Performed by Maranatha! Promise Band
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdmgpMfnjdU>

Closing Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Huber
Performed by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SqaZEJtbg>

Postlude "Thine be the Glory" Budry
Performed by Virtual Easter Choir 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXUsKFecJs>

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Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Letter Offering Report

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to the Easter Letter Offering! To date, we have received \$2,060. The total number of offerings received will be equally divided between the Le Center Head-Start program and covering the cost of the new processor unit for our sound/broadcasting system. If you haven't made a donation yet and would like to do so, please stop by the church office.

Sound System Challenge Campaign



In order to upgrade our sound/broadcasting system, the council has voted to purchase a new processor unit from Sims Sound. The cost of this unit is about \$6,000.

An anonymous member of the congregation has pledged to match donations to this project dollar to dollar up to \$ 2,500. If we make that goal, adding the half of the Easter Letter offering, we will cover the cost of this important upgrade. The upgrade will allow us greater flexibility in sound level for our broadcasts. Our current processor is outdated and we can no longer get repair parts for it.

You can help meet this challenge by making a special donation. Special envelopes will be available soon. You can also send your donation to the church office with "Sound System" written on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

*Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by
Brandon and Angie Mueller.
The bulletins are sponsored by Zion Members.
Thank you to all who give to this important mission.*

RADIO MINISTRY...Our members and the general public have the opportunity to worship via radio. Our morning service is recorded and then broadcast on radio station KCHK 1350 AM or 95.5 FM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful ministry, especially during this time of uncertainty and quarantine, when we are unable to worship in person.

Scripture Readers Needed

One of the spiritual rights won in the Protestant Reformation was the right for all people to read the Bible. You can celebrate this right by signing up to be a Scripture Reader for worship. Pastor Kent will be glad to help you prepare and provides you with the readings and their introductions. Spring slots are open! Please sign up at the volunteer table.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please have any announcements for the May Zion Herald into the office by: **Wednesday, April 21.**

WEEKLY REPORT OF GIVING AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 11 Attendance	Radio Broadcast
April 11 Offerings: <i>Thank You!</i>	\$4,265.00
Amount needed weekly for budget:	\$5,245.00

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES ON CALENDAR

Sunday	4/18	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast
Wednesday	4/21	6:30 p.m.	Middle School Class
Sunday	4/25	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast



In-Person Worship Resumes May 2nd

Council has voted to resume in-person worship on the first Sunday in May. Basic COVID precautions (masks, social distancing, some pews closed off) will remain in force.

**Let's make May 2nd a celebration of being the
Body of Christ together!**

THE NEWEST ISSUE OF "THE UPPER ROOM" IS AVAILABLE.

The May-June issue of "The Upper Room" is in. If you would like a copy, please stop by or call the office and we will mail you a copy (please be sure to leave full name and address).

In the Hospital?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please have someone call the church directly. Chaplains often offer to call your church, but they have many pressing things to do and more often than not, such requests get lost in the shuffle. So if you want a hospital visit or phone call, please have someone contact the church office or the pastors directly.

A Modern-Day Parable...

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about the precious being lost and, at great lengths, found again. The kingdom of heaven, he says, is like that. But most of us don't shepherd sheep and wouldn't fret over one lost coin. A child, on the other hand ...

In fall 2019, as night fell in northern Minnesota, 6-year-old Ethan and his dog wandered off. Family and police grew frantic because the area consisted of fields, woods and swamps. Authorities requested assistance.

The kingdom of heaven, Jesus might say, is like 600 volunteers searching diligently in the dark for a child they didn't know. It's like Steve Fines who, though also a stranger to the boy, grabbed his company's pricy heat-seeking drone and worked the camera for hours, until it detected Ethan huddling with his dog, safe but cold. Yes, the kingdom of heaven — indeed God — is like people giving their all and refusing to quit until the lost one is found.