

## Welcome

The members of the Zion United Reformed Church of Ripon are pleased to welcome you to our place of worship. We are a Protestant church, belonging to a federation of congregations known as the United Reformed Churches in North America. We gather every Sunday at 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM to open God's Word together, sing His praises, and enjoy a time of fellowship in His presence. A sincere invitation is extended to you to participate in our programs of ministry. If you would like more information about our church, please feel free to speak to one of our pastors or elders, or call us at 599-9399. In addition, in the church lobby, you will find a welcome table devoted to our guests, containing a number of different booklets and pamphlets that will give you more information about the beliefs and programs of our church. You can also find out more about our church by visiting our website at [zionurc.org](http://zionurc.org).

## We Believe

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in its entirety, unchanging, authoritative, and God's revelation of Himself, centered upon the person and work of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin. We subscribe to the following Reformed confessions as faithful summaries of God's Word: The Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort. We also subscribe to the following creeds of the historic Christian church: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

## Lord's Supper Schedule

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month.

**Elders:** Steve Brussee, Gordon Enas, Richard Fay, Ken Koolhaas, Mel Mulder, Mark Nieweg, John Sikkema, Harry Van't Voort

**Deacons:** Sean De Jong, Herman Drost Jr, Daniel Enas, Gary Kroon, Nathan Thalen, Kurt Van Houten

**Pastors:** Rev. Kevin Efflandt, Pastor of Preaching and Teaching  
Rev. Angelo Contreras, Pastor of Congregational Life



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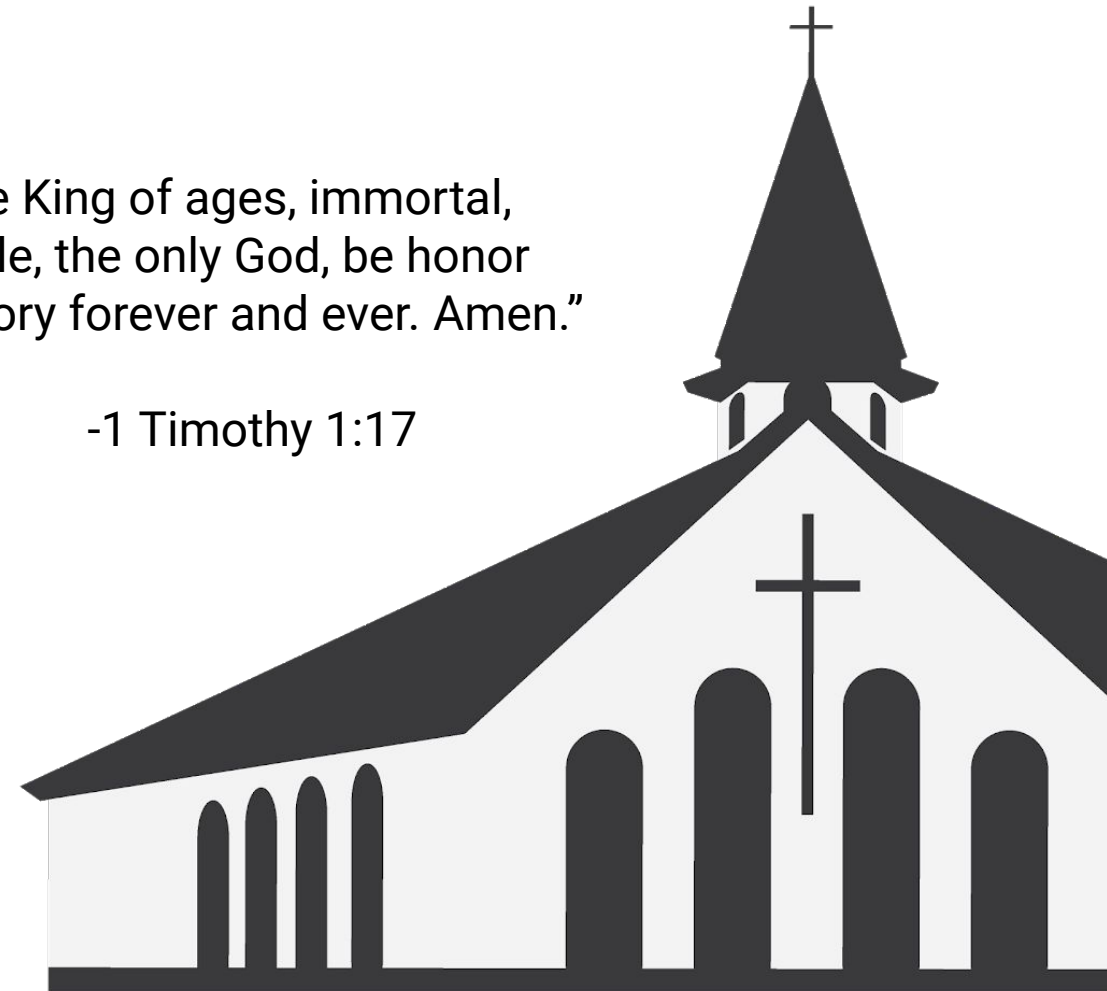
Proclaiming freedom  
from guilt,  
The comfort of grace,  
And the joy of gratitude,  
In the person and work  
Of Jesus Christ

**ZION**  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

March 28, 2021

"To the King of ages, immortal,  
invisible, the only God, be honor  
and glory forever and ever. Amen."

-1 Timothy 1:17



## **Morning Worship 9:30 AM - Pastor Kevin Efflandt**

### **God Calls Us to Worship**

\*Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: 227 "How Great Thou Art" vv. 1, 3, & 4

### **God's Will for Our Lives**

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Praise: 130A "Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!"

### **God Hears Our Prayer**

Congregational Prayer

### **God Declares His Truth**

\*Song of Preparation: 139B "Lord, You Have Searched Me" vv. 1-2, & 11

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "The Obedient Servant"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: 460 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

### **God Blesses Us**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 150C "Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!" v. 1

Postlude

Designated Offering Cause: Jude Atas

\*Please stand, if able

## **Evening Worship 6:00 PM - Pastor Angelo Contreras**

### **God Calls Us to Worship**

\*Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Confessing Our Faith: Apostles' Creed

\*Song of Praise: 148B "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

### **God Speaks and We Respond**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 91

\*Song of Response: 91B "Who with God Most High Finds Shelter"

Congregational Prayer

### **God Declares His Truth**

Scripture Reading: James 4:6-10

Sermon: Grace and Humility

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: 147B "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" vv. 1-4

### **God Blesses Us**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 564 "Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"

Postlude

Designated Offering Cause: Calvinist Cadet Corps

\*Please stand, if able

## Schedules

**Offerings this week:** AM: Jude Atas  
PM: Calvinist Cadet Corps

**Offerings Good Friday:** Stockton Gospel

**Offerings next week:** AM: General Fund  
PM: Isaac Vargas

**Musicians this week:** AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Ruth Sonke

**Musician Good Friday:** Joann Veenstra

**Musicians next week:** AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Marge Mulder

**Sound this week:** AM: Josh K., Justin L. PM: Josh K., Bill D.

**Sound Good Friday:** Bill D., Bob L.

**Sound next week:** AM: Bob L., Bill D. PM: Bob L., Bill D.

**Powerpoint this week:** Memry E.

**Powerpoint Good Friday:** Steve B.

**Powerpoint next week:** Memry E.

**Video this week:** AM: Micah B. PM: Angel K., Justin L.

**Video Good Friday:** Justin L.

**Video next week:** AM: Micah B. PM: Justin L.

**Nursery this week:** AM: Jessica S., Cindy H., Vince V.G.  
PM: Trista C., Alanna B.

**Nursery Good Friday:** Jessica V.V., Sara Kroon, Jared M.

**Nursery next week:** AM: Melinda S., Teresa A., Casey K.  
PM: Ruth E. Megan K.

**Ushers this week:** Vince V.V., Ben W., Russ V.C.

**Ushers Good Friday:** Greg S., Dennis O.B., Brian S.

**Ushers next week:** John V.H., Armando B., Raymond C.

## United in Prayer: Prayer Requests from our Missionaries

**Rev Zac Wyse** is a church planter in Cincinnati, OH (now an organized URC): Give thanks for a handful of new members and some prospective members. It's a real encouragement for our little church. Give thanks and pray for Rev. Brandon Burks. He is ordained Southern Baptist and, having become Reformed, is now serving a twelve-month pastoral internship with us with a view toward becoming a URC minister. He is spearheading some outreach for us. Pray for a new outreach endeavor, called Cincy Reformed, that we will soon launch. It will be a regular series of videos and podcasts presenting Reformed Christianity and Westside Reformed Church to our city. Pray that upcoming special services we will hold (Good Friday, Ascension Day, Day of Prayer) are not only an encouragement to our regulars but also serve as an on-ramp for new visitors. Give thanks and pray for our new church plant, Madison Reformed Church, and church planter, Collin Welch. They are ministering in a context that knows next to nothing about Reformed doctrine and piety, but there is much enthusiasm for this work.

## Church Announcements for March 28, 2021

**Today Is Preparatory Sunday:** Let us examine ourselves in anticipation of the Lord's Supper on *Good Friday*, Lord willing, whether our hearts accordingly are filled with that Godly sorrow which works repentance unto salvation.

**Good Friday Service:** Please join us this coming Friday, April 2nd, at 7pm!

**Madison Faria** appeared before the consistory to make a profession of her faith. Madison will publicly profess her faith, Lord willing, on a future date.

**Joel Hiemstra** appeared before the consistory to make a profession of his faith. Joel will publicly profess his faith, Lord willing, on a future date.

**Lukas Van Groningen** appeared before the consistory to make a profession of his faith. Lukas will publicly profess his faith, Lord willing, on a future date.

**Ladies Book Club** meets tomorrow, March 29th, at church in the fireside room from 7 to 8pm. We are studying "*Respectable Sins*" by Jerry Bridges and will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. If you would still like to join us, it's not too late! Please email Lindsey Drost ([hldrost@att.net](mailto:hldrost@att.net)).

**Adult Sunday School via Zoom** will be held today at 4:00pm. We will discuss the 6th chapter of "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer. If you have any questions please see Pastor Angelo.

**Zion's "Young Married Couples"** will get together tonight at 7:30 at Pastor Angelo's house. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions please see Pastor Angelo.

**Young Adults** meet at church tonight for Bible Study and refreshments.

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Story Hour** will not be meeting this week or next due to illnesses and Spring Break. Lord willing we will resume our studies on Tuesday April 13th.

\***Prayer Chain** - Pastor Kevin ([kevinefflandt@icloud.com](mailto:kevinefflandt@icloud.com))

\***Items for the bulletin** are due Wednesday by 6:00 p.m.

\***Hearing assistance** receivers are available at the sound table.

\***CD's/DVD's** of Zion's services are available by request - email [secretary@zionurc.org](mailto:secretary@zionurc.org) or call 209-599-9399. A donation of \$1 can be placed in the General Fund offering.

\***Offerings** can be mailed to Zion URC, 1220 Canal Blvd. Ripon, CA 95366 or given online at: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=DQ6RBXVTBH\\_UAC&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DQ6RBXVTBH_UAC&source=url). Please designate your causes.

\***Livestream:** 9:30am and 6:00pm

<https://www.youtube.com/user/zionurc> (Zion's YouTube page)

<https://www.facebook.com/zionunitedreformedchurch/> (Zion's Facebook page)

# Church Family

**New Address:** Nataliya Gladnikov - 624 West Shasta Ave. Ripon

## Prayer Needs

- Those who are unable to worship with us on the Lord's Day (Mary Crow, Ella Nieuwsma, and Rena Swier)
- Those who are battling health concerns (Jerry Barlow, Shaina Burke, Bill De Kok, Muriel Green, Kelly Hensley, Dan Johansen, Hermina Oosterkamp, Michael Owens, Ralph Roos, Jane Stelpstra, Ben Sybesma, Tony Visser, and Kathleen Westmaas)
- Expectant mothers in our congregation (April ~ Jill Lazette; May ~ Kristina Thalen, Ana O'Connor; July ~ Olivia Tyhurst, Kelsey Van't Voort)
- Those who are straying from Christ and His church
- The Council encourages the congregation to continue in prayer that the COVID-19 pandemic subsides soon. We ask that you be in prayer for all affected by the virus.

# Calendar

<b>Today</b>	
8:30 am	Profiting from the Word Bible Study
9:30 am	Morning Worship
11:10 am	Bible Study Fellowship
4:00 pm	Adult Sunday School Via Zoom
6:00 pm	Evening Worship
7:30 pm	Young Adults
7:30 pm	Young Married Couples (Pastor Angelo's house)
<b>Monday</b>	
7:00 pm	Ladies Book Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:00 pm	Kingdom Seekers
6:00 pm	Cadets
6:15 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Livestream Romans Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	
8:30 am	Profiting from the Word Bible Study
9:30 am	Morning Worship
11:10 am	Bible Study Fellowship
4:00 pm	Adult Sunday School Via Zoom??
6:00 pm	Evening Worship

# Community Announcements

**Ministry Opportunity at Sierra Salem Christian Homes:** Sierra Salem provides a lifetime of high-quality, Christ-like residential care, support and training for people who have developmental or intellectual disabilities. We are in need of a flexible, part-time (minimum of 4 hours/maximum of 10 hours per week) **Registered Nurse** to perform case management tasks, train staff, and provide general nursing care to the residents living in our Kirkwood Home. For more information on joining our team contact Tena Meinders at 909-342-4929 or Jerald Pasma at 209-404-4749.

**Word & Deed Monthly Update:** One year ago, India went into lockdown due to COVID and many people suffered from interrupted harvests and inadequate income to buy food or pay for seeds for the next planting. With your generous financial and prayerful support, many church communities received food packages through our partners there. These churches, in turn, shared their food with many of their unbelieving neighbors along with prayers and precious truths from God's Word. The Lord used this trial to save many and to bring them and their families into the church - what a merciful God we serve! Pray for the churches in India as they grow and as they also face increasingly severe challenges from the government and radical Hindus.

**Grief-Share Program:** Anyone wishing to participate in the GriefShare program at Almond Valley CRC may contact Jerry Terpsma at 209-543-2695. Our next series of sessions begin Wednesday, April 7th, at 6:30pm.

**We're Hiring!** We are continuing to take applications for the Promotions Coordinator position until April 15. This individual would work directly with the current staff to promote the organization and the opportunities it provides. For more information including, a detailed job description, contact our Administrative Director at rob@rms.org.

**TASC 2021!** Venue update and more! Due to the COVID-19 restriction in southern California, the TASC event that was to take place at First URC in Chino, CA, has been moved to Zion URC in Ripon! The event dates will remain the same, July 31-August 7. Individual registration remains open, so if you have been assigned a site through the group registration, please register today! Also, there are still openings at the Dutton, Kalamazoo, Mexico, and California sites! Prayerfully consider one of these fantastic sites to go and serve! If you have any questions, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

## **“The Obedient Servant” (Matthew 4:1-11)**

What does it mean to live the Christian life with “a debtor’s ethic”?

1. Tempted to \_\_\_\_\_

Why would this first temptation have been so strong for Jesus?

How did Adam & Eve face a similar temptation?

2. Tempted to \_\_\_\_\_

With this temptation, the devil wants Jesus to test the reliability of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

What connection is there between this temptation and what Israel was tempted with in the wilderness?

3. Tempted to \_\_\_\_\_

What shortcut is Satan suggesting to Jesus?

Is the main point of this passage that we need to try harder to be more like Jesus? If not, what *is* the main point?

How does this passage comfort you?

## **“Grace and Humility” (James 4:6-10)**

1. God’s Response to Sin

2. Our Response to Grace