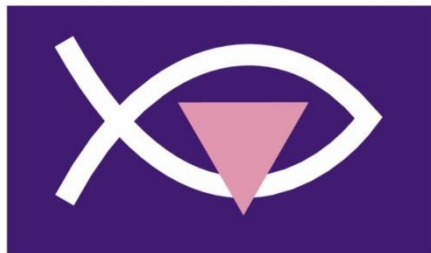


Open and Affirming Declaration

We, the members of Zion United Church of Christ in Steubenville, Ohio, seek to continue the faithful presence and witness to God's love that has been maintained by our denominational predecessors for more than 150 years. Our ultimate goal is to have the Message of Jesus Christ permeate all that we profess, through our words and by our actions. To that end, we join together on this day of the celebration of the Feast of Transfiguration, February 10, 2013, to joyously proclaim:

We believe we are all created in God's image, female and male, and are called to proclaim and show our love for God by loving our neighbors as God loves us. We believe that we are many members, but one body in Jesus the Christ, called to unite all people in God's enduring love. We therefore offer our Open and Affirming pledge of Radical Hospitality to all God's created, with a commitment to extend God's Extravagant Welcome to persons of every gender, age, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, social and economic status, faith background, political and theological beliefs, marital standing and family structure. Remembering the time frame in which our church was founded, we particularly affirm President Abraham Lincoln's call that all of our words and actions must reflect "malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right...."

The People of Zion United Church of Christ



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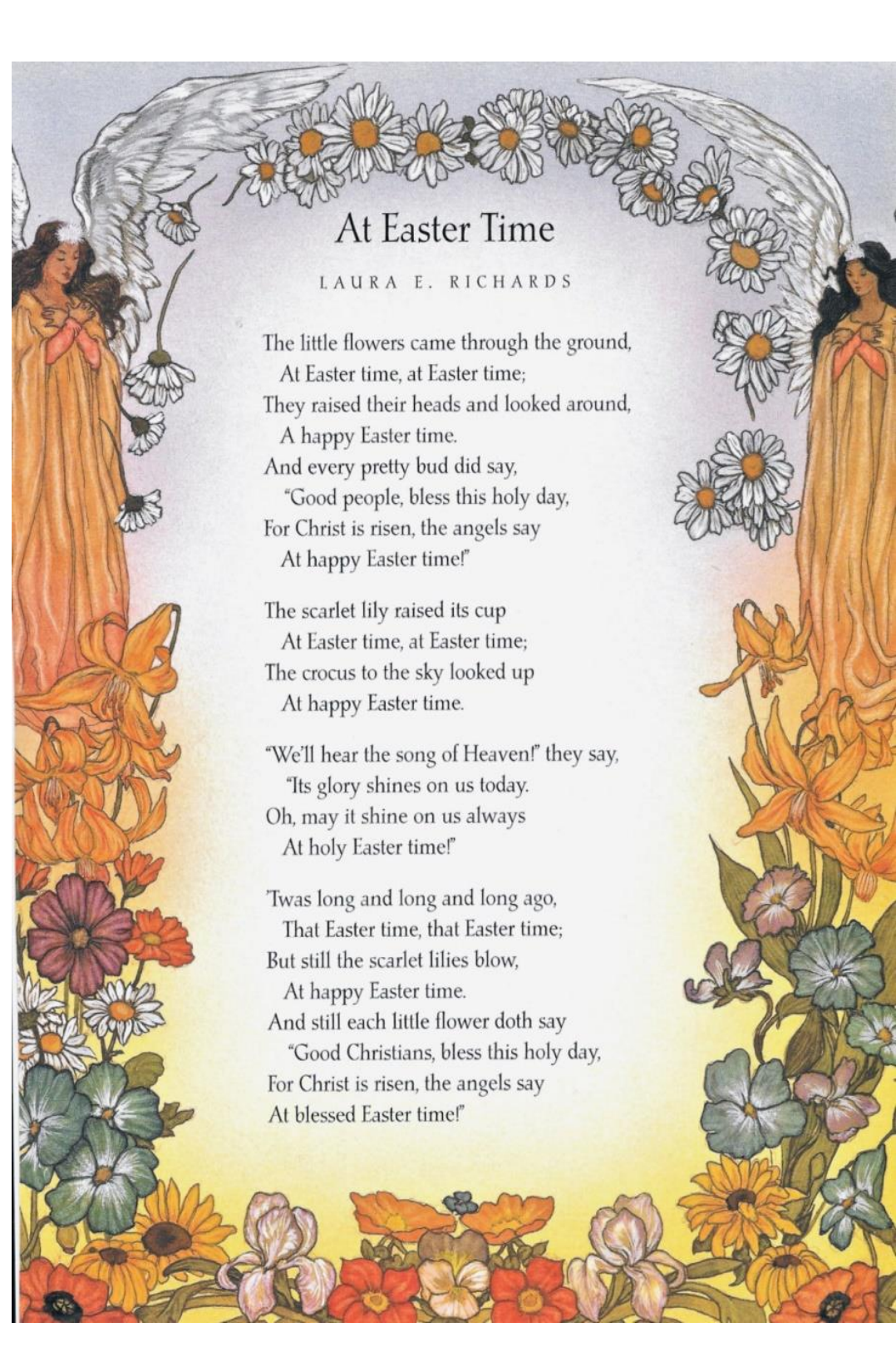
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*No matter who you are or where you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here.*



At Easter Time

LAURA E. RICHARDS

The little flowers came through the ground,
At Easter time, at Easter time;
They raised their heads and looked around,
A happy Easter time.
And every pretty bud did say,
"Good people, bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say
At happy Easter time!"

The scarlet lily raised its cup
At Easter time, at Easter time;
The crocus to the sky looked up
At happy Easter time.

"We'll hear the song of Heaven!" they say,
"Its glory shines on us today.
Oh, may it shine on us always
At holy Easter time!"

'Twas long and long and long ago,
That Easter time, that Easter time;
But still the scarlet lilies blow,
At happy Easter time.
And still each little flower doth say
"Good Christians, bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say
At blessed Easter time!"

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 14 **11:00am**

USHER	Howard Ross
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Renea Starkey-Hunt

April 21 **Easter** **11:00am**

USHER	Dave Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	John Diekmann

April 28 **11:00am**

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Dave Hunt

May 5 **11:00am**

USHER	Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Renea Starkey-Hunt

May 12 **11:00am**

USHER	Howard Ross
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	John Diekmann

May 19 **11:00am**

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you haven't checked out our website, take a look!
www.zionuccsteubenville.com



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Janet Davis, Thelma Cook, John Rhueff, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Carol Huston, Vern McCamic

*If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's newsletter cover picture comes from the archives! This cover was used here during **Holy week** in **1938** when we were **Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church**. Thank you John Diekmann for submitting it! This year's Easter bulletin will also be featuring a cover from the archives!

A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

We are pleased to announce council has submitted a call agreement to **Rev. Walter Coy** to be our interim pastor! Pastor Coy has been serving as an interim pastor at Hopedale Evangelical UCC in Hopedale Massachusetts. Rev. Coy and his wife Joyce have a home in Poland, OH. Pastor Coy has many years of experience as a preacher and brings many varied gifts that council hopes may help us through this difficult time! Pastor Coy's first Sunday with us will be **June 2, 2019**.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next church council meeting will be **May 5, after worship service**. Minutes from the last meeting are at the back of the church.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the folks who have been serving as lay speakers! Thanks to the Living Waters Assoc., Ohio Northeast, **Rev. Tara Weiderstein** will be here **April 21-May 12**. Pastor Tara is an ordained minister, with a Master's of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and with a decade of experience as a Chaplain and a Therapist. She will be serving **communion Easter Sunday and May 5**.

EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE

We will be having **communion Easter Sunday** served by **Rev. Tara Weiderstein**. We will be having donuts for coffee hour. Come join in fellowship as we remember the resurrection of our Savior! **He lives!**

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Until an Interim Minister is hired, **Rev. Tom Bullard** has agreed to be "on call" for any pastoral needs the members may have during this time. His cellphone number is **740-381-0962** and he has graciously agreed to help anyone that needs pastoral care during that time.

