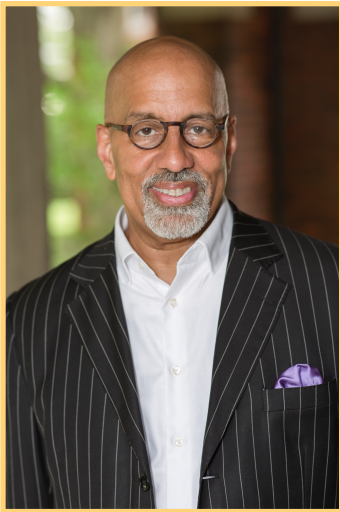


# The Spire

April 2023



**Christ Has Risen!  
He Has Risen Indeed!**



### The Joy of His Resurrection

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever!"*

Once again, we come to the beginning of Holy Week and prepare our hearts and spirits for the celebration of Easter. As we stand on the threshold of the observance of the last week of our Lord's earthly life, we are reminded of His suffering, sacrifice, and the reality of our sins. I want to suggest two important Biblical and historical facts about Easter. The first is the early believers, in the first century, celebrated Easter every Sunday, not just once a year. Second, frequently during the persecution of the first-century Christian church, their Easter celebrations had to be done secretly for fear of arrest, torture, and even death.

It was in the 4th century that a form of Christianity was legalized. As we worship in the beauty of our sanctuary during this holy season, we should not only remember the struggles of the founders of our faith but also our recent exile due to the global pandemic that caused us to spend two Easters outside of this sacred space. We rejoice in celebrating Palm Sunday together for the 20th time this Sunday. Over these years, we have experienced much joy and some sorrow, but we still rejoice in the goodness of God. We will celebrate communion at the Lord's table and receive palms blessed at the altar of the Lord as we begin to

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER

experience the most challenging week Jesus ever experienced. During this Holy Week, we invite you to join us for the first time in three years for our in-person Maundy Thursday Service downstairs in the social hall as we gather seated around the cross of Christ. We will be blessed with music from the choir, scripture reading from our Deacons, and a re-enactment of the acts of our Lord Jesus on that Thursday night before his crucifixion.

On Good Friday, we invite you to join us for our Virtual Good Friday "Women at the Cross" Service on Zoom. I invite you to participate in this service from the comfort of your homes as we are led by Sisters in the Spirit in a moving experience of word and song. Our guest preacher for Good Friday will be Pastor Imani Jones, co-pastor of Advent UCC in Columbus, OH. Pastor Imani is no stranger to Mt. Zion. She and her husband, Pastor Colin Jones, have preached at Mt. Zion for our Scholarship/Family Day celebrations in years past.

We look forward to the great word that she will bring. As is our tradition here at Mt. Zion, there will be no meetings on Holy Saturday. We take that time to prepare ourselves for the high and Holy celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

On Easter Sunday, we will come into God's house rejoicing in God's goodness and in the wonderful blessing of salvation that is ours because He got up. In this time, let us humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from anything that is not pleasing to God. Let us continue to focus our attention on the journey of Jesus during the days before his crucifixion. By doing so, we will be ready to celebrate anew and, with great joy, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter.

With Resurrection Joy!

Rev. Paul

### In the know at Mt. Zion...

April 2  
**PALM SUNDAY  
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

April 6 @ 7 p.m..  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
Rozel Threat Social Hall

April 7 @ 7 p.m..  
**GOOD FRIDAY VIRTUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Zoom

April 9  
**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

April 29 @ Noon  
**COMMUNITY MEAL  
WALK-UP/DRIVE-THRU**

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THE 20TH PASTORAL  
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First Lady Kim Martin Sadler*

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## Sisters in the Spirit Celebrates Women's History Month

Women's History Month was celebrated at Mt. Zion with a weekend of events. On Saturday, March 11, Sisters in the Spirit hosted a virtual retreat with the Rev. Dr. Melbalenia Evans as guest preacher. The theme was *Women of God, Standing in the Gap, Bridging the Divide* with Esther 4:15-16 as the focus scripture.

Rev. Evans shared a powerful message and posed several questions that were discussed during a breakout room session. Questions such as the following were addressed, "Esther/Hadassah serves as an advocate for her people as she appears before the king. She literally risks her life for her people. During what time and in what circumstance have you desired, wished for, and needed an advocate to stand in the gap or bridge the divide for you?" The book of Esther does not mention God by name. Yet, in the midst of a potential crisis, Esther/Hadassah, calls for a fast. Before undertaking a life-threatening venture, she evidences an awareness of God's presence and interest in our lives. In what arenas of our lives do we move and function as if we are unaware of God and/or closet our faith? When is it expedient and advantageous to put God to the side?"

Feedback of the first breakout session was shared. Participants then moved into a second breakout session of their choice, either the Vision Board room or Prayer Journal room, led by Deacon Yvonne Dale and Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay, respectively. Several guests who attended the retreat shared their enthusiasm of the day: "This retreat was awesome." "I really enjoyed the Prayer Journal group." "I enjoyed both sessions." "Wow, this was amazing." "I enjoyed every part of this retreat and it was a treat for me although I was working. I was truly blessed." "The Prayer Journal session was outstanding." Rev. Cheryl Lindsay won a \$25 gift certificate with the most answers to the Icebreaker game, and Shilda Moore won a beautiful Mary Kay gift basket.

Following a spirit filled retreat, on Sunday, Mt. Zion was blessed with Deacon Robin Sadler as the Women's History Month speaker, along with a Women's History Month Choir led by Leesa Jackson. Deacon Sadler's sermon topic was *"The Way God Sees You."* Her three points were, 1. "You are not who people say you are. You are who God says you are," 2. "God's love for you is greater than your lack of love for yourself," and 3. No matter where you are or who you are today, you can still become the person God created you to be. The entire weekend was a blessing to God!





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# Thank You!

All glory to God!

Covenant Couples organized an amazing Anniversary Gala for Rev. Paul and Lady Kim.

All I can say is thank you, thank you, and thank you! I've been blessed to be surrounded by extraordinary people.

A very special thank you to Michelle and Woodrow Whitlow.

I couldn't have done this without Michelle's organizational skills. She kept me on task. Woodrow reviewed everything and found errors I didn't catch.

Thank you Melissa Burrows for taking care of ticket sales. You did a great job!

The final count was 203 guests.

Thank you Terry Moore for doing a fantastic job with the PowerPoint presentation. Everyone I spoke to loved it. Also thanks for suggesting D for the 360 video.

It was great fun for all!

Thank you Leslie Oliver for the beautiful corsages and boutonnieres.

Friday the 24th was beautiful. All I wanted was for Pastor and Lady Kim to know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Thank you all!

Cindy Laisure-Banks



SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT  
MT. ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

# VIRTUAL *Good Friday* SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2023  
@ 7 p.m.

via Zoom

*with Rev. Dr. Imani Jones*

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*"Do this in remembrance of me."*

Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.



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## Mt. Zion Members in the Spotlight

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

*Carl Winston*



## Mt. Zion's Sick and Shut-In

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Cleveland, OH 44112

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Deacon Betty Barnett  
13415 Shaker Blvd., Suite 9G4  
Shaker Heights, OH 44120

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Mrs. Wanda Burch  
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Cleveland, OH 44106

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Euclid, OH 44132

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Mrs. Mamie Jones  
The Woodlands of Shaker Heights  
16333 Chagrin Blvd  
Shaker Heights, OH 44120

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Ms. Judy Kincaid  
Fairfax Nursing Home  
9014 Cedar Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44106

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Rev. Dr. F. Allison Phillips  
505 Chillicothe Road, #159  
Aurora, OH 44202

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Ms. Narihsha Smith  
6099 Ridgeway Drive  
Bedford Heights, OH 44146

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Mr. George Whitehead  
Windsor Assisted Living  
23311 Harvard Road  
Beachwood, OH 44122

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Deacon Marshall (Rudy) York Jr.  
987 Pembroke Road  
Cleveland Heights, OH 444210

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	Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul						<div>9am Deacon Bd via Zoom</div>
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*Dear Mt. Zion Family,  
Thank you for twenty years of love, generosity, and support!*

*Blessings and love,  
Rev. Paul and Lady Kim*

