

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 29, 2023 11:00am



**A LIGHT SHINES!**



### **Our Mission Statement**

To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith,  
discover our purpose, and make a difference

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany A Light Shines! January 29, 2023 ☞ 11:00 A.M.

*Meditation of the Week:* "Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. ~Eleanor Roosevelt

## ***WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD***

***\* All who are able may stand***

Gathering Music

"Prelude and Fugue in e minor"

J S Bach

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

"St. Thomas"

Arr. by David E. Gawthrop

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Community

based on Micah 6:1-8

With what shall we come before the Lord?  
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?

**Shall we bring him all that we own—  
our finest possessions, our life-savings,  
our investments and property?  
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?**

No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told you what is good,  
and what he expects of you:

**To do justice.  
To love mercy.  
To walk humbly before him.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Come We Who Love God's Name"

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Children's Time

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Calvin Livingston

### ***God Challenges Israel***

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

### ***What God Requires***

"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the in of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness.

Choral response

### **On Eagles Wings**

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of Gods hand**

Second Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Katie Penick

### ***The Beatitudes***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Message

"Where Justice is more than Just Us"

Rev. Katie Penick

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"How Firm a Foundation"

Arr. by Anna Laura Page

**Choral Response**

**Let There Be Peace On Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Family all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me**

Blessing Our Gifts

**Liberator Christ, you went to the top of a mountain, and taught a sacred word about the meek and the grief stricken, about the lost and the lonely. Come to this place now, and by these gifts help us to see the world not as it is, but as it could be, that we may become good news to all. Amen.**

***SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION***

\*Hymn of Preparation

"Renew Your Church"

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Invitation

Beloved this is the joyful eat of unity. Christ has invited his people around the earth to gather his table.

**And so, we come from the east and the west, from the north and the south.**

The Story

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Our Savior

**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,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

"Here I Am Lord"

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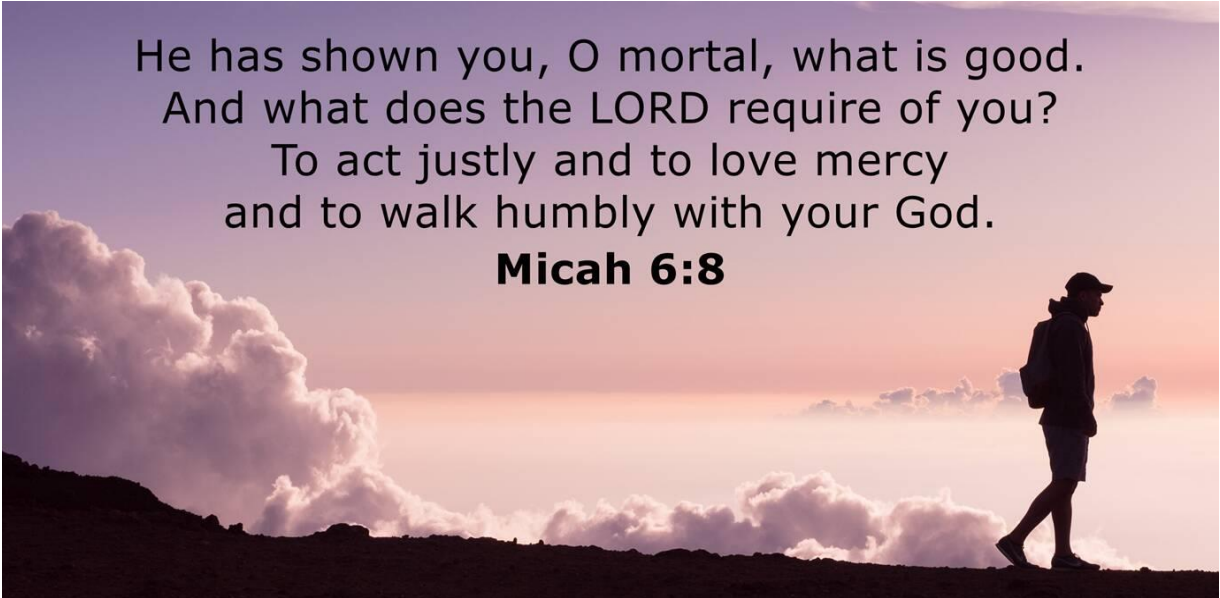
\*Sending Forth

Postlude to Service

Processional on "Hymn to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***



He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

**Micah 6:8**

Parts of the liturgy are adapted from <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

PowerPoint created by Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister of the Central Atlantic Conference and adapted by Calvin Livingston

## **Service Credits January 29**

**Gathering music:** Prelude and Fugue in e minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1942 by G. Schirmer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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**Prelude:** St. Thomas. Arr. by David E. Gawthrop. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

### **Hymns:**

Come We Who Love God's Name. NCH 379. Tune: St. Thomas. Words by Isaac Watts. Music by Sylvia Dunstan. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Renew Your Church. NCH 311. Tune: All is Well. Traditional English melody. Words by Kenneth L. Cober. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Here I Am Lord. Words and music by Daniel L. Schutte. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

**Choral anthem:** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus. Indian folk melody. Arr. by R. Kevin Boesinger. © 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

**Offertory:** How Firm a Foundation. Tune: Foundation. Arr. by Anna Laura Page. © 1990 by Van Ness Press, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Communion:** Wonderful Words of Life. Tune: Words of Life. Composed by Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2012 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Morning Has Broken. Tune: Bunessan. Traditional Gaelic melody. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2010 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Processional on "Hymn to Joy." Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven. Arr. by Alice Jordan. © 1986 by Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Lector for this week is Calvin Livingston, next week is Carol Mooers.

Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz..

Next week's ushers are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Happy Birthday to Benjamin Kelly 1/29, Jessica Green 1/31, Ivan Dwyer 2/2, Michael Shultz 2/2

**Like to walk?** The Zion Reformed Walkers will be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for REACH of Washington County! Mark your calendars for the evening of February 25 and join us as we walk around the HCC perimeter to raise money for REACH.

For more information, go to [CNOY.com](http://CNOY.com) or contact Carroll Sager at [carroll.sager@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.sager@gmail.com). Hope to see you walking!

### **Happening this week:**

1/31 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:00 downstairs in Fellowship Hall

2/1 ONA Team Meeting 12:30

2/1 Properties Team Meeting 4:00

2/2 Outreach Team Meeting 11:30

2/2 Staff Meeting 1:00

2/2 Executive Team Meeting 2:00

2/2 Choir Practice 4:00-5:30

2/2 4-H Club meeting 4:30-6:00

### ***P R A Y I N G   W I T H   O N E   A N O T H E R***



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Holly Bell, Naomi Brackett, Brenda Bowers, Gladys Burk, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Shawnee Forciho, Joanna and Derrick Garber, Carol Garland, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Hart Family, Hess Family, Sherry Hockman, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, Price Family, Colleen Rand, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Claudia Ruth, Jeff Shade, Lori Schmidt and Family, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Angel Shorts & Family, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman, Yvette, and the Ziegler Family.

*\*Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*





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