

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023 11:00am

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy;” Pope Francis



WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS!

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Walking in the Wilderness

March 5, 2023 ☞ 11:00 A.M.

Meditation of the Week: Blessings sometimes show up in unrecognizable disguises. ~ Janette Oke~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music

"Jesu, Meine Freude"

by Johann Pachelbel, F W Zachau, Johann Gottfried Walther, and J S Bach

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord" Tune: Lobe Den Herren.

Arr by David Cherwien

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community based on Psalm 121

Lift up your eyes, people of God!

We look to the hills, we stare into the desert, we gaze at the horizon— where is our help?

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We will lift up our eyes, and follow God's way.

*Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Black #43

Call To Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our secured homes, our locked churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

~silence is kept

Words of Blessing

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4
Lector: Jean Simmons

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Choral Response

"Jesus Remember Me"

**Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom**

Second Reading

John 3:1-17
Rev. Katie Penick

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Hymn of Praise "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Black #224

The Message Blessings

Invitation to Give

Offertory "Rise, O Children of Salvation" Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander David Cherwien

Choral Response "We Praise Thee O God" Red #19 verse 1

**We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.**

Blessing Our Gifts

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation "What Wondrous Love is This" Black # 223

Invitation

The Story

Blessing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

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

"Sanctuary"

John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
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Postlude to Service

"Finale"

Louis Vierne

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER



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, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Shawnee Forciho, Garber Family, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Sherry Hockman, Lyn Hoffmaster, Jane Hollabaugh, Paul Hose, Ann Kalinoski, Rhonda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, Colleen Rand, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Jeff Shade, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Danny & Julia Springer, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman

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

Lector for this week is Jean Simmons, next week is Carol Mooers

Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.

Next week ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.

Happy Birthday to Billie Keller 03/05, Ellen Barr 03/05, Linda Frakes 03/07, Tina Shafer 03/07, Christian Grosh 03/08, Elizabeth Dattilio 03/09 and Julia Patterson 03/11

Happening this week:

3/6 Consistory Meeting 7:00

3/7 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:00 downstairs in Fellowship Hall

3/8 Wednesday Lunch Bunch Study Group 11:30
Lenten Bible Study at Christ Reformed 12:00

ONA Team Meeting 12:30

Lenten Potluck and Service 6:30

3/9 Staff Meeting 1:00

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

3/10 Administrative Team Meeting

3/11 Youth Bowling 2:00



Service Credits

March 5

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2>, / <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/> and <http://praythestory.blogspot.ca/>

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Prelude: Praise to the Lord. Tune: Lobe Den Herren. Arr. by David Cherwien. © 1981 by A. M. S. I. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. NCH 43. Tune: Beecher. Composed by John Zundel (1855). Words by Charles Wesley (1747). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go. NCH 485. Tune: St. Margaret. Composed by Albert L. Peace (1885). Words by George Matheson (1882). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

What Wondrous Love is This. NCH 223. Tune: Wondrous Love. Anonymous. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

Special Music: Megan Shroyer. (TBA).

Offertory: Rise, O Children of Salvation. Tune: Unser Herrscher. Composed by Joachim Neander. Arr. by David Cherwien. © 1981 by A. M. S. I. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: Amazing Grace. Composed by John Newton. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2020 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I Must Tell Jesus. Composed by Elisha F. Huffman. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2020 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Finale. Composed by Louis Vierne. © 1941 by Edward B. Marks Music Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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