

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Third Sunday after epiphany

January 22, 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

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Ecumenical Sunday
A Light Shines!**

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Meditation of the Week: "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD
*** All who are able may stand**

Gathering Music "How Great Thou Art" Swedish folk melody. Arr. by Mark Hayes

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" From the Stralsund Arr. by Lani Smith

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community based on Psalm 27
God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:

That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn "God of Change and Glory" Black #177

Children's Time

Choral Anthem "Love One Another/Where Love Is" Performed by the Zion Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Message

Speaking the Language

Rev. Sheresa Simspson-Rice,

Associate Conference Minister of the Central Atlantic Conference

Invitation to Give

Offertory

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

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

God, to you we dedicate these gifts this day. May this act of giving inspire other ways that we may "fish for" your people, seeking out those who need your nourishing spirit. And we pray that you will multiply them and the gifts of all your faithful people like loaves and fishes, that your love may be revealed on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn of Preparation

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

Black #172

Passing the Peace

Now let us share signs of that peace which we find in Christ with our neighbors!

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

"Immortal Love, Forever Full"

Black #166

*Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



Please welcome today's guest speaker: Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, Associate Conference Minister of the Central Atlantic Conference,

Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice serves as the Associate Conference Minister for Leadership Development and the western region of our conference, providing support to churches in West Virginia, Virginia, and Western Maryland.

Lector for this week is Barbara Hendershot, next week is Calvin Livingston.
Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Becky Owens, and Rich Owens.
Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.

Happy Birthday to Scott Richardson 1/22, Holly Bell 1/22, and Sarah Kalkbrenner 1/25.

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 or contact Carroll Sager at carroll.sager@gmail.com. Hope to see you walking!

Happening this week:

1/23 Staff Meeting 12:00
1/23 CE Team Meeting 4:00-5:00
1/24 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:00 downstairs in Fellowship Hall
1/26 Thursday Lunch Bunch Book Club 11:30-12:30 Burhans Room & zoom
1/26 Choir Practice 4:00-5:30
1/26 4-H Club meeting 4:30-6:00
1/27 Zion Book Club 7:00-9:00 Sue Graff's home and zoom

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, Gladys Burk, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Shirley Flanagan (Sue Graff's Aunt), 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, Rhondda Kane, Alyssa Kline, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Sue Penick, Mark Plotner, 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.*

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

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Gathering music: How Great Thou Art. Swedish folk melody. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2005 Birnamwood

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Hymns: God of Change and Glory. NCH 177. Composed by Al Carmines (1977). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult. NCH 172. Tune: Galilee. Composed by William H. Jude (1887). Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Immortal Love, Forever Full. NCH 166. Tune: Serenity. Composed by William V. Wallace (1856). Words by John Greenleaf Whittier (1867). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choral anthem: Love One Another/Where Love Is. Performed by the Zion choir.

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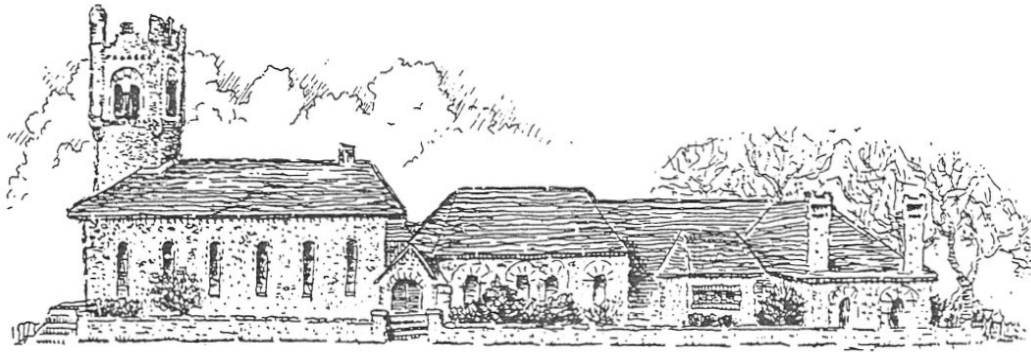
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Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 in f minor. Composed by Charles Marie Widor. © 1991 by Dover Publications. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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