

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 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

# Epiphany Sunday

## A Light Shines!

### January 8, 2023 @ 11:00 A.M.

*Meditation of the Day* "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." ~Lao Tzu~

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

*\* All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music                      How Beautiful the Morning Star                      Johan Pachelbel, Gade, and J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude                                      Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light                                      Johann Rist

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Community

Christ of the East,  
Christ of the South,  
Christ of the West,  
Christ of the North:

**We turn our hearts to you  
hoping and praying for  
peace and life  
to dispel the shadows  
of war and death.**

We turn our faces to you  
trusting and believing for  
love and grace  
to shine upon us and  
to radiate to all.

**We turn our lives to you  
even if we know only in part  
what we will one day know fully  
even as we are fully known.**

And now may faith hope and love,  
love most of all,

abide in us as we journey together through this year.

**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn                                      As with Gladness Those of Old                                      Black 159

Children's Time                                      The Wise Ones Arrive!

Choral Anthem                                      Wonderful Grace of Jesus                                      Zion Choir

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

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Wells Ridenour

### ***The Ingathering of the Dispersed***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Choral response**

**On Eagles Wings**

**Black 775**

**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 2:1-12

Rev. Katie Penick

### ***The Visit of the Magi***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[a]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Invitation to Give

Offertory

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

**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  
 Brothers all are we  
 Let me walk with my brother  
 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

**Living God, your love shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ, you have given the world eternal light that shines in the midst of darkness. Like the Wise Ones, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Through your Spirit, may we share your warmth and grace with our neighbors and may our lives in this new year be a living offering. We pray through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Matthew 2:1-12).**

Blessing of the Food Donations from the Revere Advent Calendar

**INSTALLATION OF THE CONSISTORY**

Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Introduction

Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. Christ is like a single body, which has many parts. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

## Presentation

These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us as our church officers and Council. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. We have three new members and our existing members:

**Matthew McDonald, Megan Shroyer, Jean Simmons, Susan Clutz, Calvin Livingston, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, and Tina Shafer**

## Covenant

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for service as an officer of the congregation and/or Consistory member in the ministry of this church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

***I am.***

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

***I do, relying on God's grace.***

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

*All who are able stand.*

## **\*Congregational Response**

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

## Laying on Of Hands

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. We lay hands upon you, Matthew McDonald, Megan Shroyer, and Jean Simmons, as you embark on a new calling for this congregation.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of elder in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of elder in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

Declaration

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are hereby installed in your respective positions.

Greeting of Christian Love

In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the greeting of Christian love.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

\*Hymn of Preparation

O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright

Black 158

Invitation

The Story

Blessing the Meal

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

Arise, Your Light is Come. Black 164

Ruth Duck

\*Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

Prealudium in C Major

J. S. Bach

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



## Service Credits January 8

**Gathering music:** How Beautiful the Morning Star. Versions composed by Johan Pachelbel, Gade, and J. S. Bach. © C G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light. Composed by Johann Rist (1641). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** As with Gladness Men of Old. Tune: Dix. Black 159. Composed by Conrad Kocher (1838). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright. NCH 158. Composed by Philipp Nicolai. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Arise, Your Light is Come. NCH 164. Composed by Ruth Duck (1973). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

**Choral anthem:** Wonderful Grace of Jesus. Composed by Haldor Lillenas (1918), © 1918 by H. Lillenas. Performed by the Zion choir.

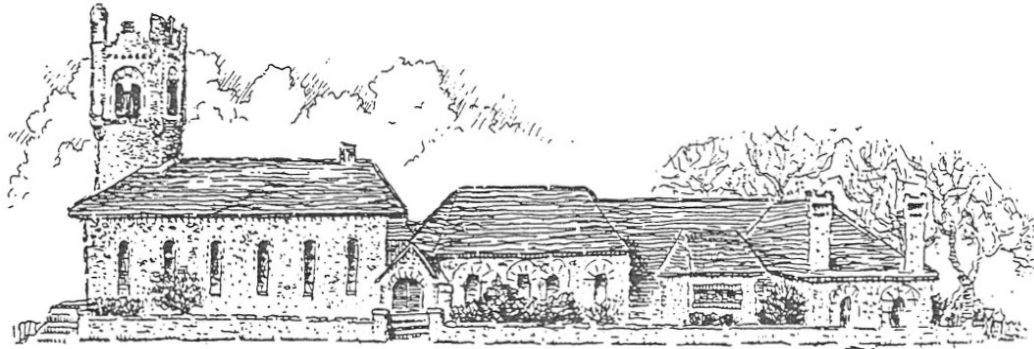
**Offertory:** God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen. From *little Book of Christmas Carols* (1858). Arr. by Michael Helman. © 2014 Lorenz Corp. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Communion:** Do You Hear What I Hear. Words and Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne. © 1962 by Jewel Music Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Pageant Music:** Away in a Manger. Red 109. Composed by Carl Muller. Ascribed to Martin Luther. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

We Three Kings from Orient Are. Words and music by John H. Hopkins (1857). Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Postlude:** Preludium in C Major. Composed by J. S. Bach. © C G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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