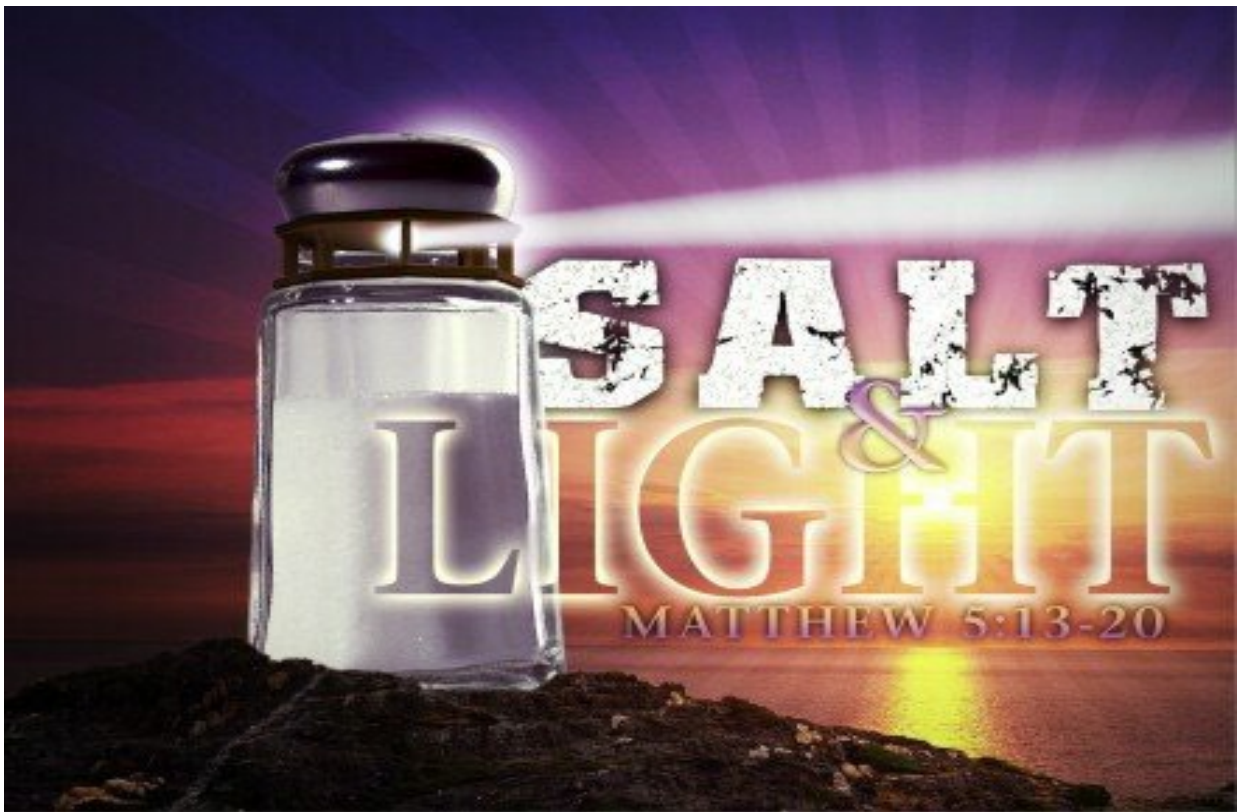


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY**

February 5, 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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

A Light Shines!

February 5, 2023 @ 11:00 A.M.

Meditation of the Week: "There is a crack in everything; that's how light gets in. ~Leonard Cohen~"

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

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| Gathering Music | "Lord Christ, Thou Art The Heavenly Light" | J S Bach |
| Ringling of the Bells | | |
| Prelude | "Fanfare Joyeux" | Craig A. Penfield |
| Words of Welcome | | |
| *Call to Community | | |
| | We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world. | |
| | We are the salt of the earth. | |
| | We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life. | |
| | We are the light of the world. | |
| | We are called to follow the commandments and the law. | |
| | The Law of God is to love God and to love one another. | |
| | Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. | |
| | Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus. | |
| *Opening Hymn | "Lead On Eternal Sovereign" | Black #537 |
| Children's Time | | |
| Choral Anthem | "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" | Zion Choir |

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Lector: Carol Mooers

False and True Worship

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator^[b] shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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 5:13-20

Rev. Katie Penick

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Message

Salty Love

Rev. Katie Penick

Invitation to Give

Offertory

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

Gracious and loving God, we bring our gifts today because we want to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have been given great gifts through your loving kindness, and we want those around the world to know that love. Accept our offering and use it to further your work, so that we might better understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation

“God’s Eye is on the Sparrow”

Back #475

Invitation

It was a dull, tasteless thing;

This life, before salt.

It was a dark, meaningless thing;

This life, before light.

Then, he came, we thought to do what he...

To our surprise, expected of us, saying,

You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As Jesus welcomed all to the banquet of his life and love, we who follow him do likewise. Whoever we are, from wherever we have come, whatever we believe,

All are welcome to our communion table. Amen.

Communion Prayer

O God, you are Holy. In love, you chose to make your presence known in the world that you made and proclaimed "Good!" We, your people, who dwell at one with all creation, rejoice to receive your revelation in your Still-speaking voice.

On this day, as we recall the words of Jesus, declaring that in him we are as light and salt in the world, dispelling the darkness of injustice, seasoning and preserving all life with love. And we, O God, gather around your table, offering the devotion of our love, praying that you, always first loving us, will feed and strengthen our souls anew.

The Story

On the night he was delivered into the shadow of the cross, Jesus, gathering for a last supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, saying:

"This is my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me."

Following supper, in the same way, Jesus took and blessed the cup, saying,

"This, is the New Covenant in my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me."

As we eat this bread and drink this cup

We seek spiritual strength to share with the world his work of love and justice.

Now, O holy God, bestow your Spirit, breathe upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be food for our spirits, a feast for our souls!

Amen

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.

*Sending Forth

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus declares that we, in him, are salt and light!

May we, by faith, season the world with love and dispel all darkness of injustice. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude to Service

"Processional on an Old English Melody"

Arr. by Alice Jordon

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Isaiah 58:7

King James Version

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,
and that thou bring the poor that are cast
out to thy house? when thou seest the
naked, that thou cover him; and that thou
hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

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

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 Lenzie Weicht 2/5, Peggy Lowman 2/7, Bret Hendershot 2/8

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, 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, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, Eleanor Wible, Eric Wolbring, Robert Yeoman

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

Like to walk? The Coldest Night of the Year event is being held on Saturday, February 25 at HCC. The ZION Walkers will be out there helping to raise funds for REACH of Washington County. If you would like to be part of the group walking or make a pledge, please contact Carroll Sager at carroll.sager@gmail.com or go to CNOY.com. Click on Coldest Night of the Year 2023 USA. Find the ZION Walkers listed under the Maryland/REACH/Teams and sign up to walk or to make a donation. This is a family friendly event that we hope will become an annual event to assist those who are homeless in our community.

Happening this week:

2/6 Consistory Meeting 7:00 in Burhans Room and on Zoom
2/7 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:00 downstairs in Fellowship Hall
2/8 ONA Team Meeting 12:30
2/9 Choir Practice 4:00-5:30
2/9 4-H Club meeting 4:30-6:00
2/10 Administrative Team Meeting 4:00

Adapted from <https://progressivechristianity.org/resources/salt-of-the-earth-liturgy/>

Service Credits February 5

Gathering music: Lord Christ, Thou Art The Heavenly Light. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1967 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Fanfare Joyeux. Composed by Craig A. Penfield. © 2019 Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: Lead On Eternal Sovereign. NCH 537. Tune: Lancashire. Composed by Henry F. Smith. Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

God's Eye is on the Sparrow. Tune: Sparrow. Composed by Charles H. Gabriel. Words by Civilla D. Martin. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

I am the Light of the World. NCH 584. Words and music by Jim Strathdee. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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

Choral anthem: Bless the Lord, O My Soul. Words and music by C. M. Moblard.

Offertory: Musings on "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Traditional spiritual. Arr. by Robert Lau. © 2013 Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: Here, at Your Table, Lord. Composed by William F. Sherwin. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2016 Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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