

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 19, 2023 11:00am



*“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him”* Matthew 17:5



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.

Transfiguration Sunday

A Light Shines!

February 19, 2023 @ 11:00 A.M.

Meditation of the Week: "I went up to the mountain because you asked me to. Up over the clouds to where the sky was blue" ~Patty Griffin~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Ciacona in d" Johann Pachelbel

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious" William Owen

Words of Welcome

*Call to Community

We hear your challenge, O God, and your call:

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

We hear you, Holy One, but we are afraid. What will we find there?

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

We are assembled in this sanctuary, this holy place. Let us meet together here, away from the distractions of the world.

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

Mighty One, we know you are a lover of justice. You have established equity. Our knees, yes even our souls, quake before you for we have not done what we ought to do.

Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

Come! Regain insight to see the least among you, those whose rights have been trampled upon.

Come! Let the anointing oil of my Spirit open your ears to the sounds of weeping and the anguished cries for justice.

Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength.

Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.

Anoint us as your holy people. to receive your Word.

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do not be afraid.

Come! Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn "When Morning Guilds The Sky" Black #86

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

But we still build walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

But we still nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

You invite us to come up to the mountain

But we still deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

But we still refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

You bless our lives with boundless love:

But we still fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.

Forgive our selfishness. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Listen! You are God's children, the beloved of God's heart. God speaks words of healing and hope to you in these moments. Listen!

It is good to be here - in the presence of the One who forgives us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Time

Burying Our Alleluias

Choral Response

Black #17

**To You O God, All Creatures Sing, and all creation every thing
sings your praises, Alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia**

Special Music

"Four Impromptus"

F. Schubert

Performed by Claire-Marie Moblard

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: Missie LaBombard

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Choral response

**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 17:1-9

Rev. Katie Penick

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;^[b] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Message

Mountaintop Experiences!

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Choral Response

**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 of Awe and Glory, receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you. Bless the givers and those who desired to give. Multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent. Guide the disbursement of them according to your will. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Black #182

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

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

Black #184

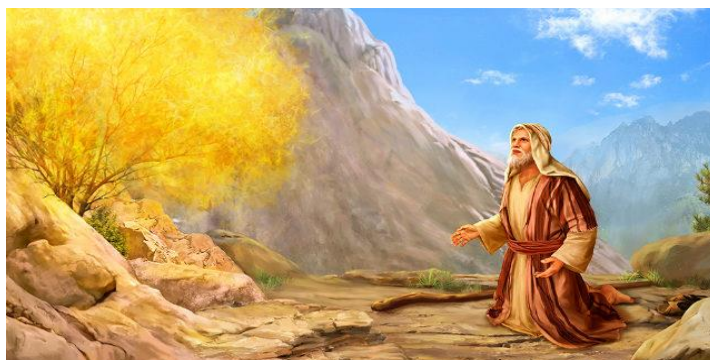
*Sending Forth

Postlude to Service

"Toccata Brevis"

Daniel E. Gawthrop

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, 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 Missie LaBombard, next week is Rae Smith.

Ushers for this week are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Becky Owens, Rich Owens.

Next week ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Happy Birthday to Linda Cantilena 2/20, William Wantz 2/21

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:

2/21 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:00 downstairs in Fellowship Hall

2/22 Wednesday Lunch Bunch Study Group 11:30

2/22 Lenten Bible Study at Christ Reformed 12:00

2/22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30

2/23 4-H Club meeting 4:30-6:00

2/24 Zion Book Club Meeting 7:00

Service Credits February 19

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>

Gathering music: Ciacona in d. Composed by Johann Pachelbel. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious. Composed by William Owen. Arr. by Franklin D. Ashdown. © 2022 by The Sacred Music Press. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: To be chosen on February 16.

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

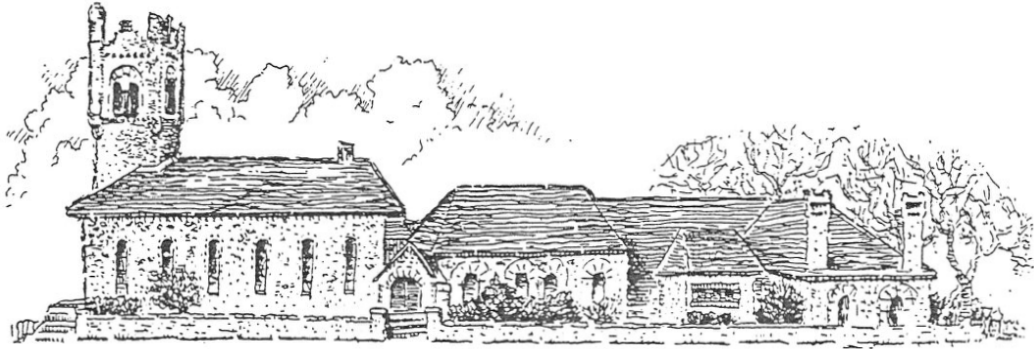
Special music: Four Impromptus. Composed by F. Schubert. © 1897 by G. Schirmer, Inc. Performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Offertory: Wir Christenleut (Come Christian Folk. Composed by Caspar Fuger (1593. Choral harmony by J. S. Bach. © 1972 by Augsburg Publishing House. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Communion: The Light of the World is Jesus. Composed by Philip Bliss. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2016 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

It is Well with My Soul. Composed by Philip Bliss. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2016 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Both performed by C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: Toccata Brevis. Composed by Daniel E. Gawthrop. © 1983 by Summa Productions. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.



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