

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

January 14, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday After Epiphany



“Behold the Lamb of God”

John 1:29-42a

Gathering Music and Bells

The Coventry Carol
Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light
Es ist ein' Ros entsprungen
Still, Still, Still
In the Bleak Midwinter

Traditional
Black Hymnal
Black Hymnal
Salzburg Melody
Black Hymnal

Greetings, Announcements

Appreciation for Barbara Hendershot for leading music.

Prelude

Come, All Ye Shepherds

Czech Carol

*Call to Worship

One: Your love, Yahweh, reaches to heaven; your faithfulness to the skies.

All: Your justice is like a mountain; your judgments like the deep. To all creation you give protection.

One: Your people find refuge in the shelter of your wings.

All: They feast on the riches of your house; they drink from the stream of your delight.

One: You are the source of life, and in your light, we see light.

All: Continue your love to those who know you, doing justice to the upright in heart. Amen.

Prayer of Hope

from *Iona Community Worship Book*

One: Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing,
and we are stewards of creation,

All: *We need you, God.*

One: Because human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know
what we do not know,

All: *We need you, God.*

One: Because we cannot live without you and are free to go against you,
and could worship our wisdom alone,

All: *We need you, God.*

One: Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and healed
our pain and let us wound you,

**All: *and loved us to the end, and triumphed over all our hatred,
we need you God. We need you, God.***

Choral Response

If You Believe and I Believe (see insert)

Scripture

John 1: 43-51 The Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rae Smith

The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee, he met Philip and said, "Follow me." Philip came from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and said to him, "We've found the One that Moses spoke of in the Law, the One about whom the prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary and Joseph." "From Nazareth?" said Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see," replied Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked, "This one is a real Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked him. Jesus answered, "Before Philip even went to call you, while you were sitting under the fig tree, I saw you." "Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you're God's Own; you're the ruler of Israel!" Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You'll see much greater things than that." Jesus went on to tell them, "The truth of the matter is, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Chosen One."

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Word for Children

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Lector: Rae Smith

One: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to Adonai under Eli.

All: *The word of Adonai was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.*

One: At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

All: *Then Adonai called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said,*

One: "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

All: *But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So, he went and lay down. Adonai called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,*

One: "Here I am, for you called me."

All: *But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know Adonai, and the word of Adonai had not yet been revealed to him. Adonai called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,*

One: "Here I am, for you called me."

All: *Then Eli perceived that Adonai was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now Adonai came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said,*

One: "Speak, for your servant is listening."

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Hymn**

Many are the Lightbeams

Black #163

Morning Prayer

The Prayer that Jesus Teaches Us

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.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Call to the Offering

When our eyes are heavy, we dream of another world.

When our spirits are low, we turn to each other.

When our anger flares, we need each other's gifts most.

We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to create your kingdom of heaven.

Offertory

I Wonder As I Wander

Amy Potter

***Doxology**

Praise God from who all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

Blessed and Blessing God, we give you thanks. We offer to you the bounty of our lives, our gifts of heart, of wealth, of strength. Expand all that we are and have and bring your will into the world. Amen.

***Hymn**

Hark the Herald Angel's Sing

Black #160

*Benediction

One: May God bless us;
May God keep us in the Spirit's care
And lead our lives with love.

**All: *May God's warm welcome shine from our hearts
And Christ's own peace prevail
Through this and every day. Amen.***

Postlude

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Robbins Music Corporation

Congregational Fellowship



Outreach and Service Opportunities

Micah's Backpack is collecting Canned or Individual Soups during the month of January.

Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Individual packets of Oatmeal during the month of January.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

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. Join 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:

Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Holly Bell, Brenda Bowers, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Steve Cavey, Kim & Bill Cook, Donna France, **Brandon Graff, Sue Graff**, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Brian Johnson, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Paul Loveless, Marlin Martin, Heather Morgan, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, **Liam Reynolds**, David Ridenour, **Mackenzie Ridenour**, Wells Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Emma Schnebly, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Felicity Shafer, Staci Shafer, Tina Shafer, Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny Springer), Jessica Stark, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls.

*****New additions to the Prayer List will be printed in bold for the first week.***

Other Announcements

Easter Flowers

You will have two opportunities to honor and remember your loved ones. Altar flowers or our traditional Easter Cross, or you can do both.

Watch for the order form in upcoming bulletins.

Wednesday Night Potluck and Study (6PM in the Chapel)

Come on Wednesday nights to enjoy a potluck meal (bring what you like). Following the meal we will study the video resource, *Painting the Stars*.

Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Rae Smith. The lector next week is Rae Smith.

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

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

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Becky Hohman. Middle Door – Susan Clutz.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

- 1/15 Annual Report Deadline
Newsletter Deadline
- 1/16 Staff Meeting 12:00 pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 1/17 Wednesday Potluck 6:00pm
- 1/18 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm
No Choir Practice
- 1/20 Fahrney Keedy Bd of Directors Meeting Burhans Room

Birthdays

- 1/14 Frank Gerlando
- 1/17 Aldan Grosh
- 1/17 Brooks Grosh
- 1/20 Thelma Summers

If You Believe and I Believe 127

G C D7 G C D G

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray,

C D7 G C D G

the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free,

Bm Am D Am G

and set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free;

D7 G C D7 G C D7 G

the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free.

This tune appears here in an arrangement by the Scottish musician John L. Bell, who serves the multid denominational and multilingual Iona Community.

WORDS: Zimbabwean hymn

MUSIC: Zimbabwean melody adapt. from an English melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)

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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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Welcome to the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, an **Open and Affirming Church** striving to welcome and value all people and creation. I am glad you have joined us this morning. I believe you will find Zion Church an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that honors each spiritual journey. I encourage you to ask me or our members about our community, explore our bulletin and website and gift us with your contact information (phone, address, email) in our Guest Book or Pew Card. I/we are ready to answer any question or to help connect you to any program that we can. I hope to greet you in person after the service or that you'll contact me.

Many blessings, Pastor Scott

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