

# Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

January 28, 2024

11:00 A.M.

## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



*It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work for it.*

Eleanor Roosevelt, radio broadcast, 1951

### Gathering Music and Bells

*Praeludium and Fugue in c minor*

### Greetings, Announcements

Minute for Mission: Coldest Night, Carroll Sager

### Prelude

*Nicaea*

### \*Call to Worship

**One:** O come, let us sing to the most High Creator of the Cosmos;

**All:** **let us make a joyful song to the Beloved!**

**One:** Let us come to the Radiant One with thanksgiving,

**All:** **with gratitude let us offer our psalms of praise!**

**For the Beloved is Infinite, the Breathing Life of all.**

**The depths of the earth belong to Love;**

**the height of the mountains, as well.**

**The sea and all that is in it, the dry land and air above  
were created by Love.**

**One:** O come, let us bow down and give thanks,

**All: let us be humble before the Blessed One!**

**\*Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Red #15

**Prayer of Hope** (in unison)

**Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us.**

**Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Your Love, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

*If You Believe and I Believe*

**If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
And set God's people free, and set God's people free,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.**

**Scripture**

Matthew 5:13-20 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Rich Owens

"You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its flavor? How could you restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven. "Don't think I've come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. The truth is, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the Law, not even the smallest part of a letter, will be done away with until it is all fulfilled. That's why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. "I tell you, unless your sense of justice surpasses that of the religious scholars and the Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

One: Listen the what the Spirit is teaching.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

Zion Choir

**Word for Children**

## Scripture

Mark 1:21-28 NRSV

Lector: Rich Owens

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### \*Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

Black #172

## 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

*A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing*

### \*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)

**To your name, Holy One,  
help us to bow the knee and all its worshipping,  
bow the head and all its thinking,  
bow the will and all its choosing,  
bow the heart and all its loving.  
God, help us worship you in all we do. Amen**

**\*Hymn**

*I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded*

Black #50

**\*Benediction**

***In this moment draw us to yourself, God,  
and make us aware not so much of what we have given  
as of all that we have received and so have yet to share.***

***Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage  
to live out in the world what we pray and profess,  
that in sharing, we may do justice, make peace, grow in love,  
enjoy ourselves, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.***

Adapted from a prayer of Ted Loder

**Postlude**

*Processional on an Old English Melody*

**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 in need of 20 cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup. We are also collecting Individual packets of Oatmeal during the month of January.

We are in need of volunteers on **Tuesday nights** to help in both the kitchen and the pantry. Contact Kim Ridenour or the office if you are interested.

**Painting the Nursery Bathroom:** We are in need of volunteers to paint the Nursery bathroom. Contact either Pastor Scott for more information.

**The Coldest Night of the Year** or CNOY fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 24 at HCC benefiting REACH of Washington County. This fundraiser which is held all over Canada and in locations in the US is the only CNOY event being held in Maryland. In this family friendly event, walkers sign up to walk one, two, or three laps around the paved perimeter of HCC and solicit pledges of donations from friends and family members. So far there are four members of the ZION Walkers team. Please consider participating in this fun event for a great cause. You can sign up at <https://cnoy.com/home> Scroll down to Maryland, Hagerstown, and you should see the ZION Walkers tab. Thank you.

## 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, Elizabeth Baseler, 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, **Beth Hauver**, Elwood Hauver, Brian Johnson, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Paul Loveless, **Shelly McKee**, Joe McLaughlin, Marlin Martin, **Gloria & John Moats**, Heather Morgan, **Brad Nigh**, 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, Byron Stay, Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, Tracy Roach Walls, **The Family of Larry Weber, Nancy Weber.**

***\*\*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.

See the order form in this week's bulletin.

### **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*.

**Annual Reports** will be ready for distribution on February 4<sup>th</sup>. On February 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our Annual Meeting following a potluck lunch. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is on the table in the Chapel and in the Friday What's Happening email. Zion will be providing Chicken and Drinks. Bring your favorite side or desert to share.

## Next Week's Worship & Calendar

The lector this week is Rich Owens. The lector next week is Amber Nilson.  
Ushers for this week are Mark Bagby, Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens.  
Next week's ushers are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Mark Bagby. Middle Door – TBD.  
Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle door.

- 1/30 Staff Meeting 12:00 pm  
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30 pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 1/31 Properties Team Meeting 4:00pm  
Wednesday Potluck 6:00pm
- 2/1 Choir Practice 5:30pm

### Birthdays

- 1/29 Benjamin Kelly
- 1/31 Jessica Green
- 2/2 Ivan Dwyer
- 2/2 Michael Schultz



**Service Credits**  
**January 28**  
**CCLI Number: 6212519**

**Gathering music:** Praeludium and Fugue in c minor. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1955 by Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Prelude:** Nicaea. Composed by John B. Dykes (1861). Arr. by Rebert Hebble. © 1982 by Dreena Music. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

**Hymns:** All Creatures of Our God and King. Red 15. Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen. Composed by Geistliche Kirchengesang. Words by William H. Draper.

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult. Tune: Galilee. NCH 172. Composed by William H. June (1887). Words by Cecil F. Alexander (1895).

I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded. Tune: St. Petersburg. NCH 50. Composed by Dimiutri Boriniansky (1825). Words by Gerhard Tersteegen (1757). Source(s): Hymnary (hymnary.org).

**Choir anthem:** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair. NCH 184. Traditional English melody.

**Offertory:** A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing. Composed by Geistliche Kirchengesang. Arr. by Paul Manz, Op. 16. © 1975 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 772935

**Postlude:** Processional on an Old English Melody. Arr. by Alice Jordon. © 1977 by Broadman Press. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

## 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.*



## Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

**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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