

# ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 @ 11 A.M.

### SUNDAY BULLETIN



*More Light, More Love, More Service*

**WELCOME** to *your* faith community! We are happy to worship with you today and pray that your spirit will be blessed by our time together in the presence of God. If this is your first time at Zion, welcome! Zion Reformed United Church of Christ has roots over 250 years in the making. We invite you to consider making Zion Reformed UCC your church home if you haven't already and join us on the journey as we listen for the still-speaking voice of God together in this short season of Ordinary Time where we turn our focus upon discipleship and service.

Today, the Scriptures lead us to ask ourselves "can anything good" come from those unlike us just as the masses of people asked about Jesus in this week's Scriptures. Additionally, the Spirit challenges us to ask ourselves, "can anything good" come from within us? Is there anything good in us that is worth God's grace and Christ's compassion? Of course, the answer is YES, YOU ARE! There is good even in us, as flawed as we are. There is the good of the image of God in which we were created, and God's grace is available to restore us into examples of the saints of God as we worship together. Let our prayer be that our eyes be opened to see the good in those around us, even those different than us, and the face that stares back at us in the mirror. Worship is a place that not only affirms God's grace for each of us but is also a place of self-examination of the state of our souls as we bring our all before the Lord. Worship is a time where we hold up the ideal of the human community and pledge to live into it as we seek union with the God we follow. Sometimes, worship confronts us with our sinfulness; and other times, worship offers us grace and healing and a way forward. May we find grace and assurance as we answer the challenge to live more fully in the Light while worshiping on this Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday and prepare as a nation for the upcoming presidential inauguration.

## *WE GATHER*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✨

"In Thee is Joy"

Call to Worship

One: Listen! The voice of God comes near.

**All: Listen! God's voice is still speaking.**

One: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

**All: Who calls us by name,**

One: Who is Love Incarnate,

**All: Who is!**

One: Let us gather together in joy and hope,

**All: Let us worship the God of Love!**

Litany of Call for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel'; Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow; And still, the Voice beckons today...can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Moses protested when the Voice spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth; And still, the Voice beckons today...can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered; And still, the Voice beckons today...can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

The Voice calls from humble places...in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred; And still the Voice beckons today...can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice; A struggling church hears the Voice and turns; And still, the Voice beckons today...can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Meditative Interlude✦

"God of the Ages"

*WE MEDITATE*

Hebrew Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (NRSV)

Lector: Rae Smith

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Message

"Hitting the Streets with Jesus"

Contemplative Interlude ✨

"We Shall Overcome"

*WE RESPOND*

Blessing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

**O God, you offer us wonderful gifts. In these offerings, may we make for change that doesn't yet exist. May we give it a name. May we move through our fears. May we dare to call this hope wonderful, in the hope of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

*WE ARE SENT TO SERVE*

Sending Forth

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and fill our lives with joy and Peace, as we share in this blessing...

The Cross,

**We shall take it.**

The Bread,

**We shall break it.**

The Word,

**We shall bear it.**

The Joy,

**We shall share it.**

The Gospel,

**We shall live it.**

The Love,

**We shall give it.**

The Light,

**We shall cherish it.**

The Darkness,

**God shall extinguish it**

Let us go in peace,

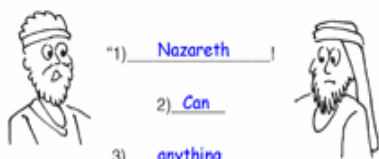
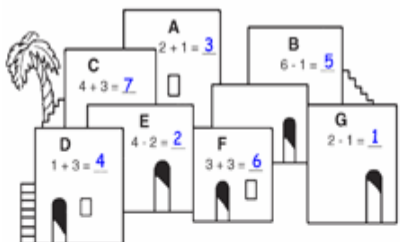
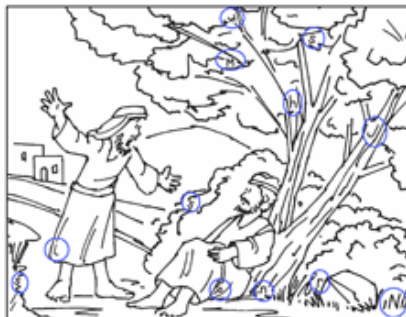
**Thanks be to God.**

Prelude to Service✠

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!*

### Activity Page Answer Key:



"1) Nazareth !  
2) Can  
3) anything  
4) good 5) come 6) from  
7) there ?"

2 colors	2 months	2 animals	2 foods
Y E L L O W  R A B B I  B L U E	M A R C H  S O N  J U N E  G O D	F I S H  K I N G  P A N T H E R	B R E A D  I S R A E L  E G G S

" Rabbi , You are  
the Son of God ; You  
are the King of Israel ."



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of January 17<sup>th</sup>



### Church Office Update

Due to the pandemic and state guidelines for organizations, please refrain as much as possible from face to face business at the church and in all your business affairs. If possible, consider trying to conduct business over the phone or by email. If an in-person meeting at the church is required or preferred, please schedule an appointment with Darlene prior to coming in. This helps ensure best safety practices are followed and limits the possibility of others being in the building at the same time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this pandemic together! Church Office: [zionrucc@myactv.net](mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net) or 301.739.7244

### Bulletin and Newsletters

Submit weekly bulletin news and announcements to Michael at [connectionssixeight@gmail.com](mailto:connectionssixeight@gmail.com) or call 240.203.0854. Submit your newsletter news and announcements to Darlene at [zionrucc@myactv.net](mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net) or 301.739.7244.

### Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to the 3 vacancies remaining on the consistory, other possibilities to serve also exist: Search & Call Committee (Pastoral Search); Constitution & Bylaws Revision Taskforce; and Soup Kitchen (cook, server, or preparation). If you are willing to serve in one of these positions or have a talent to volunteer in a new and creative outreach ministry, please contact the church office.

### Online Giving

Online giving is an alternative to mailing-in donations that you may want to consider. Online giving provides you with a secure, convenient alternative that places you in control of your giving and offers 24/7 access to the platform so that you can update info, change scheduled donations, view reports and more. [www.zionreformed.church/give](http://www.zionreformed.church/give)

### Other Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ Children's Sunday School meets by Zoom each Sunday at 9:45am. Contact Kim Ridenour or the church office for more information.
- ❖ To make a special donation towards the new fridge or new piano fundraisers, please send donations marked "Fridge Fund" or "Piano Fund" respectively to the church or donate online at [www.zionreformed.church/give](http://www.zionreformed.church/give).
- ❖ Choir Rehearsals, and Celebrate Recovery Hagerstown meetings are postponed until further notice.

## Prayer Requests



As a faith community, we are here to support and pray for one another. As a rule of thumb, we should pray for all of our Zion siblings even when a specific need isn't voiced, but especially when a need is. 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 by phone at 301.739.7244 or email at [zionrucc@myactv.net](mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net) so we can pray with you and your loved ones.

## Records from Last Week

**Sunday Worship:** 92 online views and 10 shares. | **Soup Kitchen:** 15 meals served.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Week of January 17<sup>th</sup>



## February Newsletter Deadline

Noon, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## Staff Meeting

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am via Zoom

## Soup Kitchen

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome, carryout only.  
Social distancing and masks enforced. Volunteers welcome.

## Inauguration Day

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Let us pray for peace, healing, and unity as our nation moves forward.

## Virtual Sunday Worship

January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am (Second Sunday After the Epiphany)  
Virtual service at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons).  
(Children's Sunday School via Zoom @ 9:45am)

## OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION

### Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm via Zoom

### Celebrate Recovery Hagerstown

Postponed Until Further Notice







## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are a community of believers who support one another in love, prayer, and faith!



*One Community, Many Voices*

### **REACH Cold Weather Shelter**

REACH Cold Weather Shelter is in need of help with meal preparation, meal serving, laundry room support, security & search, and hospitality. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Carroll Sager at [carroll.sager@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.sager@gmail.com) or the REACH office at 301-733-2371.

A special thank you to Barb Hendershot, Amber Nilson, and Carroll Sager for preparing and delivering the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meal to the REACH Cold Weather Shelter.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week**



Happy Birthday to Brooks and Aiden Grosh (Jan 17<sup>th</sup>); Thelma Summers (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>); Chris Shaffer (Jan 21<sup>st</sup>); Holly Bell (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>); and Scott Richardson (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>)!

May this year of your life be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your life be filled with an abundance of blessings, and for those times of trial should any arise, that you find the perseverance in Christ to endure.

If your special day does not appear the week of your special event, contact the church office to make sure your special day is in the records.

### **Kaylor, Talhelm, and Krause Homecoming Updates**

Continue to keep the Talhelm, Kaylor, and Krause families in your prayers as they journey through this time of loss and grief. We pray God's comfort be upon them!

Online condolences may continue to be expressed in the respective online family guestbooks at:

Anne Kaylor: [Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home](http://www.douglasfiery.com) ([www.douglasfiery.com](http://www.douglasfiery.com))

Harold Talhelm: [Minnich Funeral Home](http://www.minnichfh.com) ([www.minnichfh.com](http://www.minnichfh.com)).

Ed Krause: Details Unavailable as of Bulletin Publication.

### **Submit Your Joys, Concerns, & Announcements**

Submit your joys, concerns, and announcements for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to Michael at [connectionssixeight@gmail.com](mailto:connectionssixeight@gmail.com) or call 240.203.0854 by Thursday to be included in Sunday's bulletin.

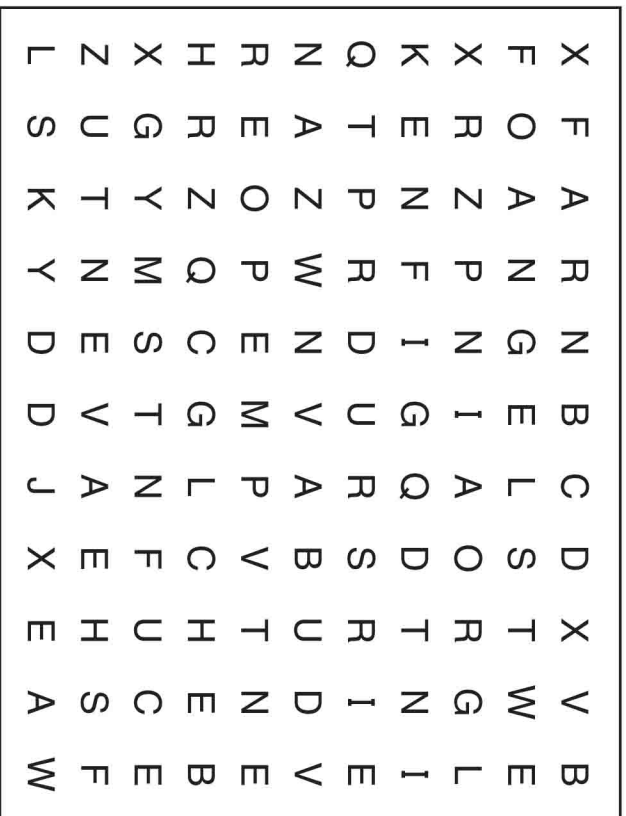




Nathanael recognized that Jesus was the Son of God. How did Jesus reply?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

“You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.” He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”



Ages 7+

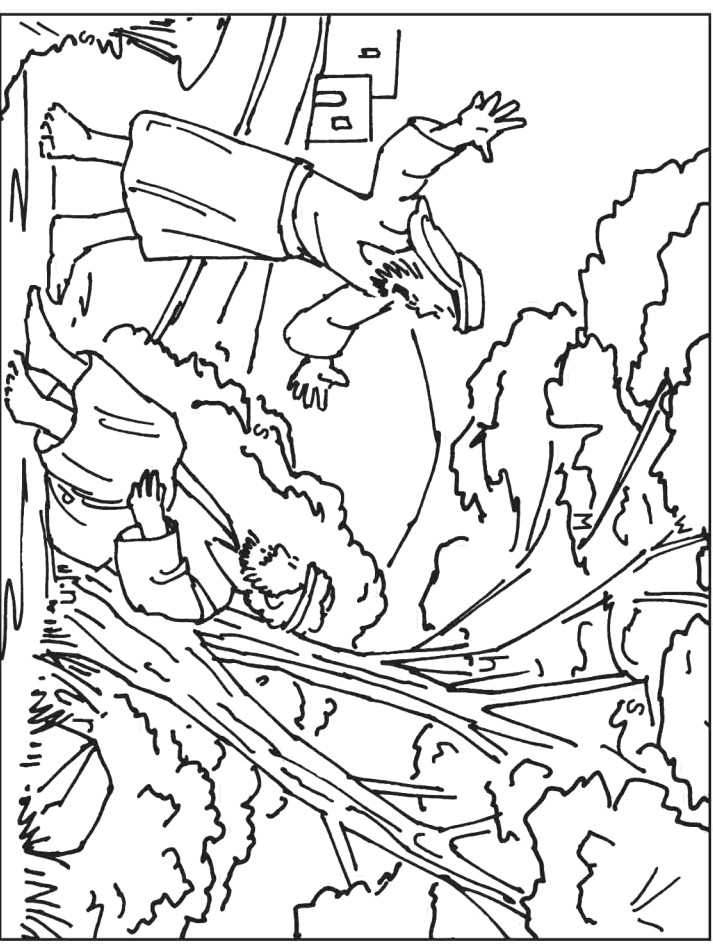
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## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

After Philip began to follow Jesus, Philip went to get Nathanael. What did Philip say to Nathanael.

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture below.

“We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, and about Whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph.”



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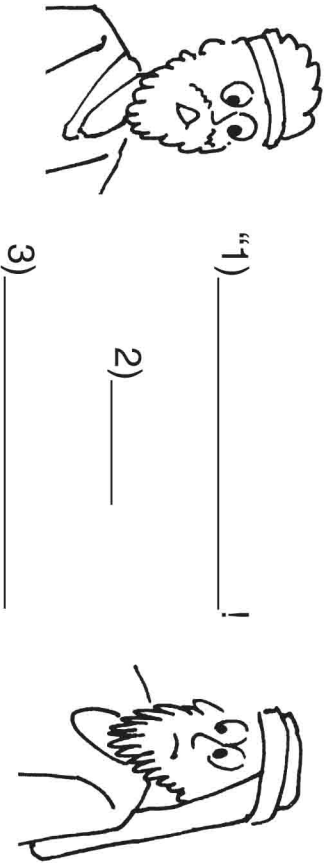
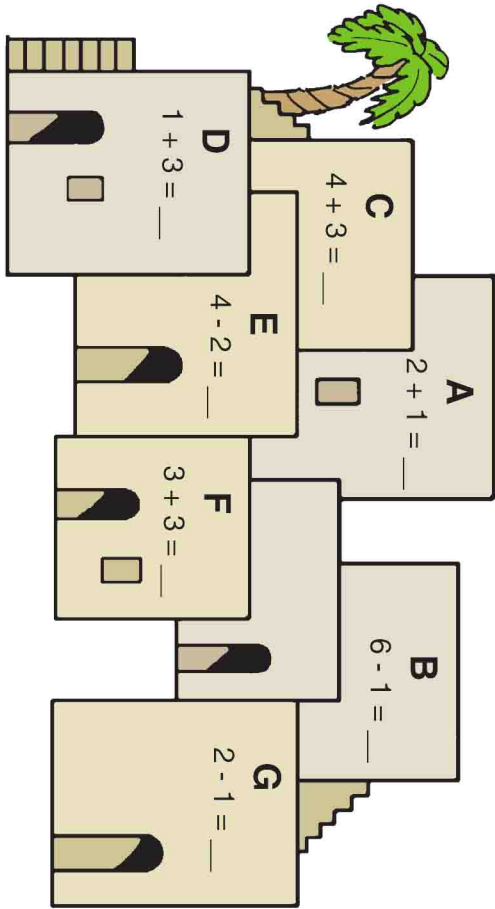
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After Philip told Nathanael that Jesus was from Nazareth, what did Nathanael say?

Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks.

- A** anything      **C** there      **E** Can      **G** Nazareth  
**B** come      **D** good      **F** from



3) \_\_\_\_

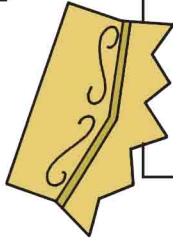
4) \_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_ ?"

After Jesus spoke to Nathanael, what did Nathanael declare?

Circle words in each column as directed. Fill in the remaining words below, top to bottom, left to right.

2	2	2	2
colors	months	animals	foods
Y E L L O W	M A R C H	S H K I N	B R E A D
W R A B B I	S O N J U N	G P A N T	I S R A E L
L U E	E G G O D	T H E R	E G G S



"\_\_\_\_, You are  
the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_; You  
are the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_."

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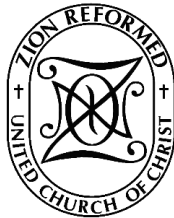
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