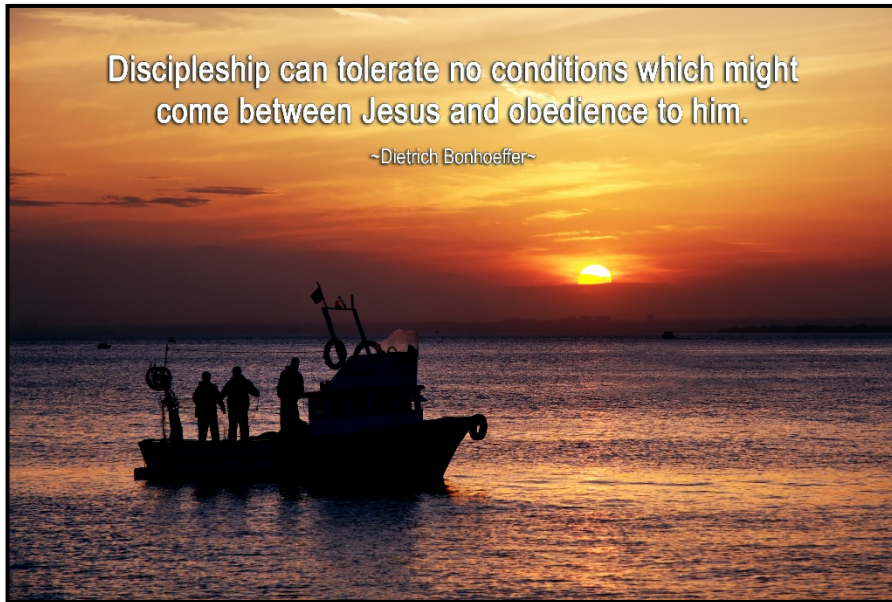


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24TH, 2021 @ 11 A.M.

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Be More in Us Oh God So That We Are More Like You!

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.

At the heart of discipleship is the cry and passion for more of God to be within us --to be more like Christ, more like God, in our everyday lives. In discipleship it isn't just about "rounding people up for Jesus" but about making connections, about the interwoven net of interrelationships of influence and support. It goes beyond the numbers, and is wide enough to include acceptance and hospitality. Jesus is inviting his followers to a life of engagement. We celebrate the moments of fellowship within the life of the community, particularly the ones that open arms wide to include those who are not yet a part of the church. We lift up teams and individuals who are finding ways to use their gifts and their connections and their vocations to further the cause of Christ in direct and indirect ways. Fishing for people is more than filling pews on a Sunday morning. Following Jesus is not simply about a state of being, but a call to doing. Our prayers are not just for ourselves, but for the needs of the community around us. Our prayers are not just for our aches and pains, but for the brokenness of the "least of these" around us, the hungry and the hurting. Our songs are not just about the state of our souls or the home we have in heaven, but about the influence we can have on building the kin-dom of God in the world where we live.

Come, let us worship!

WE GATHER

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Let Us All Together Praise our God"

Call to Worship

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

All: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

One: In the name of Christ,

All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

One: In the name of Christ,

All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up

All: whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of Hope.

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

All: we proclaim the God of Love.

One: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Gathering Prayer

From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!". In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

Meditative Interlude ✦

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

WE MEDITATE

Hebrew Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5,10 (NRSV)
Lector: Carroll Sager

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Message

"Caught in Discipleship"

Contemplative Interlude ✨

"Amazing Grace"

WE RESPOND

Blessing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

Prayers of the People

(Inspired by the poetry from Christian Scriptures and of Amanda Gorman)

O Spirit, we have feared tyrants. We have been astonished by what their words can incite. We have felt like our words were not enough so we haven't spoken. We have been silent while history has its eyes on us. We have been stuck in this feeling that the world was passing away and we did not know if we could do anything to change it or even care that it was happening. Our apathy won. We haven't said that out loud. We haven't wanted it to be true when our despair was the only thing that we could really pin down in this appointed time.

We haven't felt the urgency of this moment even though it has now become clear that something

needs to change. We feel the tension more than the hope. We feel the hate more than the love. We feel the long arc of the moral universe more than the immediate justice. It has been hard enough to get out of bed and change out of our pajamas, but we know that your hope only lives if it has flesh. It will only breathe possibility into creation if that hope finds its rhythm within our souls. Give us, O Spirit, the wisdom to see ourselves and all of creation with the eyes of artists and prophets, dreamers and poets. Let the old dream dreams and young see visions for what could be.

Let your hope, O Spirit, be the muse that flows from within us and give us courage to climb over the hill of our hopes and fears. We might not get to the Promised Land. We might not get to see all that you hope for this world, O Spirit of God, but that does not mean we give up the fight. Challenge us to soar to new heights where there will be new dreams and visions for your people. O Spirit, breathe hope into our lives and into all of creation. Dare us to dream of what could be on the other side of our despair. We pray in your grace. Amen.

And so, let us pray with renewed hope, rising up to the challenge of new heights, new dreams and visions, dreaming on the other side of despair, united together with the Beloved Community worldwide as one family, saying the prayer of our Savior...

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.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

UCC Video Message

Prayer for A Just World for All

Sending Forth

Now may the One who is faithful to all be with us all as we depart this blessed place. May we be a blessing to every place we go, until we gather again. Amen.

Prelude to Service†

"Entrada Festiva"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Follow
ME &
I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF Men.

*Fishers of People
(Mark 1:17)*



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of January 24th



Adult Sunday School Beginning in February

A new Adult Sunday School Class led by Sue Graff will begin February 21st via Zoom and can be attended using Zoom with your camera or by simply calling in from any phone. Each session will last approximately 40-45 minutes and a link will be shared weekly via Facebook and by email, or call the office for the connection information. We will kick this class off with a series entitled, "Its Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst, examining how we react when our lives undergo change and the Biblical perspective for dealing with change, fear, and anxiety. We hope you will join us! For more info, contact the office or Sue Graff.

Ash Wednesday Virtual Service

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a special virtual Ash Wednesday Service on February 17th at 7pm. You will receive ashes with instructions for mixing to use in this special service. Stay tuned for more info and watch for your packet to arrive in the mail sometime before then.

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.

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 so we can pray with you and your loved ones.

Online Giving

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. Online giving: www.zionreformed.church/give

Records from Last Week

Sunday Worship: 120 online views and 11 shares. | **Soup Kitchen:** 21 meals served.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week of January 24th



Staff Meeting

January 26th, 10am via Zoom

Soup Kitchen

January 26th, 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome, carryout only. Social distancing and masks enforced. Volunteers welcome.

Virtual Sunday Worship

January 31st at 11am (Second Sunday After the Epiphany)

Virtual service at www.zionreformed.church/sermons.

(Children's Sunday School via Zoom @ 9:45am)

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club

January 28th, 4:30pm via Zoom

Celebrate Recovery Hagerstown

Postponed Until Further Notice



Bulletin and Newsletters

Submit weekly bulletin news and announcements to Michael at connectionsixeight@gmail.com or call 240.203.0854. Submit your newsletter news and announcements to Darlene at zionrucc@myactv.net or 301.739.7244.

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.
- ❖ Choir Rehearsals, and Celebrate Recovery Hagerstown meetings are 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

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week



Happy Birthday to Sarah Kalkbrenne (Jan 25th); Louise Danzer (Jan 26th); Linda and Benjamin Kelly (Jan 29th)!

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.

Kauffman and Widmyer Homecomings

It is with heavy hearts that we share that two more longtime members have went to be with our Lord:

Nancy Kauffman joined our Lord on January 18th: [Herald Mail Media](http://heraldmailmedia.com) (heraldmailmedia.com)

Leatrice Widmyer joined our Lord on January 19th: [Herald Mail Media](http://heraldmailmedia.com) (heraldmailmedia.com)

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

Nancy Kauffman: [Rest Haven Funeral Home](http://rsthvn.com) (rsthvn.com)

Leatrice Widmyer: [AK Coffman Funeral Home](http://akcoffmanfh.com) (akcoffmanfh.com)

Join us in praying for both the Kauffman and Widmyer families, and continue to remember the Talhelm, Kaylor, and Krause families in your prayers also as all of these families journey through a time of loss and grief. We pray God's comfort be upon them!

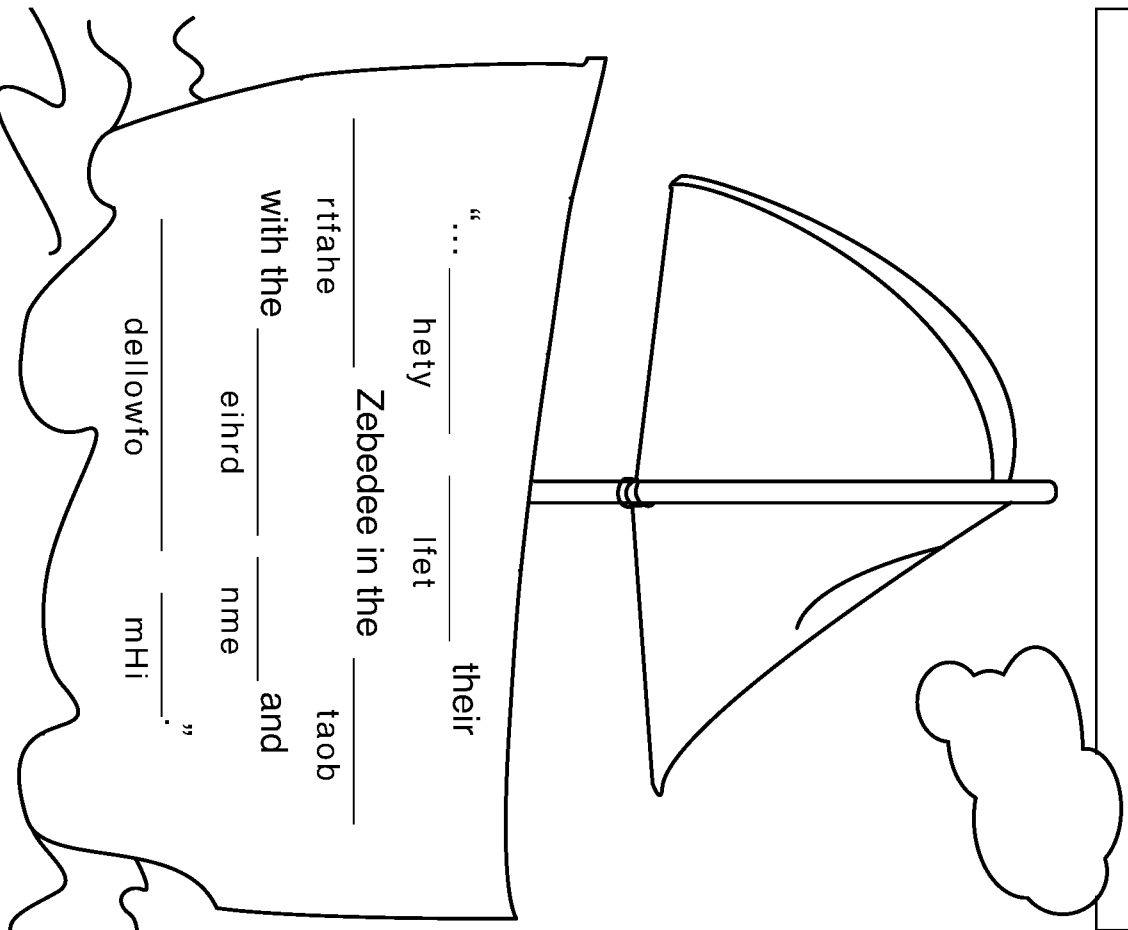
Submit Your Joys, Concerns, & Announcements

Submit your joys, concerns, and announcements for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to Michael at connectionsixeight@gmail.com or call 240.203.0854 by Thursday to be included in Sunday's bulletin.



When Jesus saw James and John, He called to them. How did James and John respond?

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.



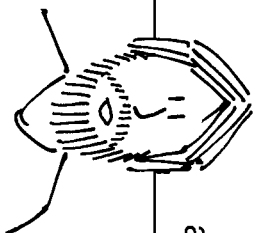
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Ages 7+

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Jesus Calls Simon, Andrew, James and John

Jesus went into Galilee and preached. What did He say?



Use the clock code to fill in the blanks.

V F R L Y N
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 L M N O P R T V

“The _____ has come,”

Jesus said. “The _____

of God is near. _____

and _____

the _____ news!”

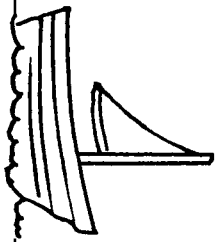


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Jesus saw Simon and Andrew fishing.
What did He say to them?



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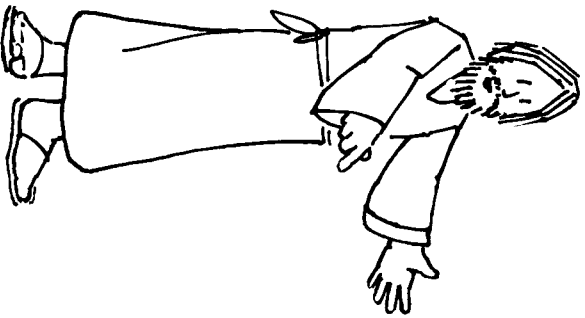
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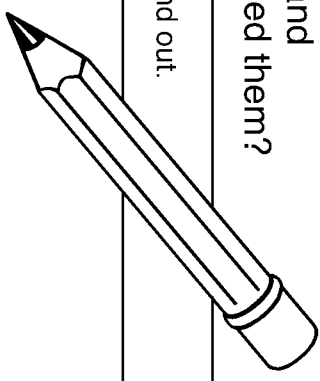
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What did Andrew and
Simon do once Jesus called them?



Add and subtract letters to find out.

1. ARE - RE + T = _____

2. OPEN + NCE - PEN = _____

3. TABLE + FT - TAB = _____

4. NOSE + ET - OSE + S = _____

5. FISH + HOLLOW - ISHH + ED = _____

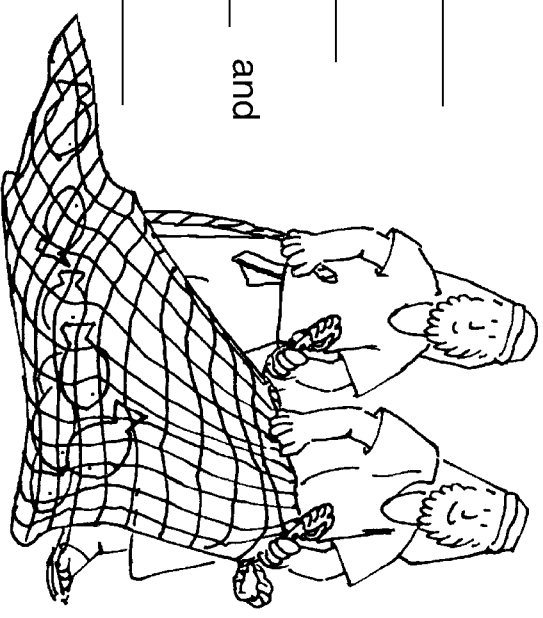
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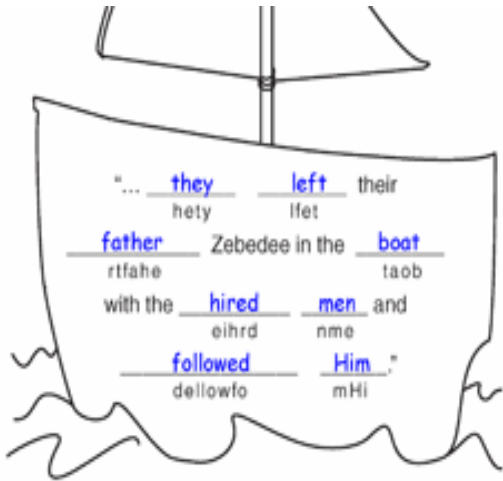
their 4) _____ and

5) _____

Him.



Activity Pages Answer Key:



"The t i m e has come,"
 Jesus said. "The k i n g d o m
 of God is near. R e p e n t
 and b e l i e v e
 the g o o d news!"

C O M E F O L L O W
 X L N V U L O O L D
M E J E S U S
 N V Q V H F H
S A I D A N D I
 H Z R W Z M W R
W I L L S E N D Y O U
 D R O O H V M W B L F



O U T T O
 L F G G L
F I S H
 U R H S
F O R
 U L I
P E O P L E
 K V L K O V

1. ARE - RE + T = AT
2. OPEN + NCE - PEN = ONCE
3. TABLE + FT - TAB = LEFT
4. NOSE + ET - OSE + S = NETS
5. FISH + HOLLOW - ISHH + ED = FOLLOWED

- 1) At 2) once
- they 3) left
- their 4) nets and
- 5) followed

Him.



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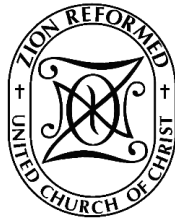
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