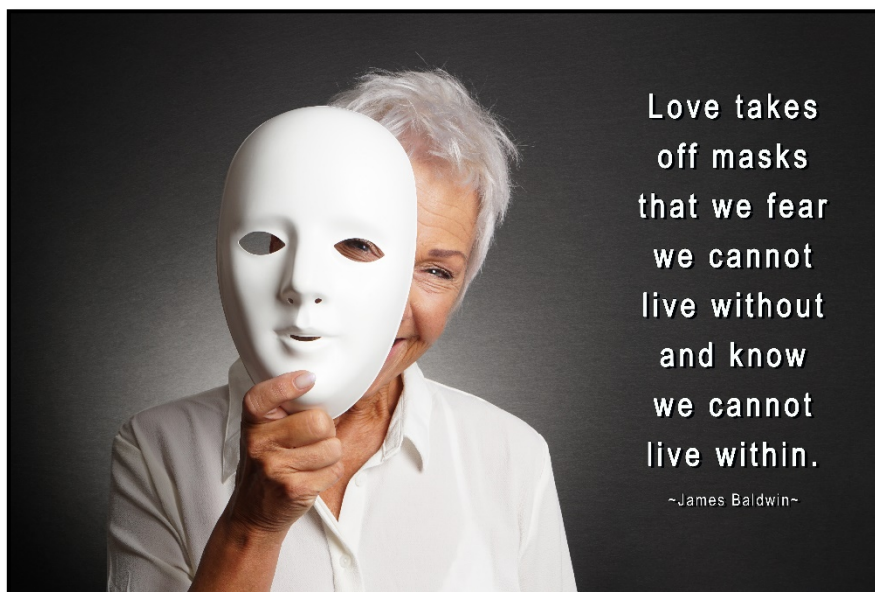


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 @ 11 A.M.  
SUNDAY BULLETIN



*Everyday Mountaintop Experiences*

**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.

Today, we stand together in open-mouthed wonder at the fullness of the Christ we worship this Transfiguration Sunday. In this in-between moment, before we launch into Lent, we catch our breath by standing on the mountaintop with Peter and John and James, basking in Christ's compassion, love, and grace, while standing in awe. In today's Gospel, we see Christ's divine holiness come to light in all its radiant beauty, and we stand in awe! Though we are surrounded by distractions and responsibilities aplenty. We may be overwhelmed by injustice and oppression, almost overwhelmed by needs and brokenness, our own and that which envelops us. But in the end, it is only Jesus, our source and strength, our focus. This does not mean that we don't care about that which surrounds us. In fact, if anything, we are even more eager to be at work in the world, bringing hope and healing, bringing justice and freedom, loving others as Christ has taught us, as our very own everyday mountaintop experiences -- those moments where we experience a dramatic expression of faith. Not to our own benefit do we work in the world, but only Jesus! Let us lift up the name of Jesus through our work and our service, through our passion and our commitment, through our songs and our prayers, and through our compassion and our caring, as we worship the One who still takes our breath away in wonder and awe!

## *WE GATHER*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

"Finlandia"

Call to Worship

One: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

**All: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

One: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

**All: We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

Opening Prayer

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors You reveal to us the light of Your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the Divine Presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting, and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.

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.**

### Meditative Interlude ✧

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

### *WE MEDITATE*

### Hebrew Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Lector: Aaron Kelly

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### Gospel Lesson ✧

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

Pastor Katie

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Message - *Mountaintop Experiences*

Contemplative Interlude<sup>✦</sup>

"Sing Praise to God"

### *WE RESPOND*

Invitation to Give

Peter offered to build a tabernacle on the mountain with Jesus. But God does not dwell in houses made with human hands. Let us offer ourselves in service to those God loves. Let us offer our sacrifices to build community, bring peace, and be a double blessing to those in need throughout the world. Amen.

Blessing Our Gifts (Prayer of Dedication)

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all, and sent us Jesus who taught us this prayer...

Our Savior's Prayer

**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.**

Reflection – *Love Better*

Sending Forth

Now may the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" and has shone in our hearts, give us light to bear to the world that all may see and know that God is love. Amen.

Prelude to Service<sup>✦</sup>

"Praeludium in C-Major"

*Go Forth in Peace & Serve!*



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 14<sup>th</sup>



### Fellowship Hour Begins Today

Join us for Fellowship Hour on Sundays at 12:30pm or Thursdays at 5:30pm (or both). Grab your favorite food and drink and enjoy a vibrant time of fellowship! A relaxing, intimate time to socialize, share our joys, concerns, and even trials as we support one another, hanging out together safely in a world of social distancing. More information available at <https://zionreformed.church/fellowship>.

#### Join Sunday Fellowship Hour:

By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854041994?pwd=OEVwVTVLSDJoWjIRcnRlekZ3QWZOdz09>

By Phone: Call 301.715.8592, enter Meeting ID: 868 5404 1994 and Passcode: 519568

#### Join Thursday Fellowship Hour:

By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84272676444?pwd=V09IdEdEOVpDM2ZnTmNLNzhMM0RTdz09>

By Phone: Call 301.715.8592, enter Meeting ID: 842 7267 6444 and Passcode: 337217

### Ash Wednesday Virtual Service

Mark your calendars for a virtual Ash Wednesday service on this Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>. You should have received ashes in the mail hopefully by now with instruction for use during this special service as we begin the Lenten season. Lent is a time of repentance, grace, and renewal. Join us as we journey through Lent with the theme: "Repairing: For Such a Time as This!"

### Adult Sunday School Class Starts Next Week

A new Adult Sunday School class led by Sue Graff will begin Feb 21st at 9:45am. Attend via Zoom or call-in from any phone simply dialing a phone number. Joining by Zoom allows you to be visible, if you choose to be, by using the video camera on your smart phone, tablet, or computer. Joining by calling-in will allow you to hear everyone and to communicate with them without video capability. Regardless of how tech-savvy you are or even if you own any electronic devices or not, you can participate! Our inaugural series will be "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst where we will examine how we react when our lives undergo change and look at the Biblical perspective of how to handle change, fear, and anxiety using our faith as our support guiding us through such times.

For more info or to find the connection details at any time, go to [www.zionreformed.church/adult](http://www.zionreformed.church/adult).

#### Join Adult Sunday School with Sue Graff by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436145937?pwd=SGxMbWNlYzBqbNjVVE9iUlJYTXI0dz09>

OR


#### Join Adult Sunday School with Sue Graff by Calling-In: (landline, flip phone, any phone)

- On your phone of choice, dial 301.715.8592
- When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937
- When prompted, enter the Passcode: 536055

## **Book Club Meets Friday**

The Zion Book Club will be meeting on Friday, 2/19/2021 at 7pm at the home of Sue Graff. The book selection for this meet-up is "Lost Girls Of Paris" by Pam Jenoff. The selection for March is 'No One Ever Asked' by Katie Ganshert with a meeting date of 3/19 at 7pm. Please join us for great discussion and wonderful fellowship!

## **Prayer Requests**

 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 praying one for another! Contact the Church Office to submit your prayer requests or obtain a prayer warrior list of names to include your Zion siblings in your prayers.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Let us serve together! Volunteers are needed to serve in the following areas: 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.

## **Other Announcements & Reminders**

- ❖ Please continue to schedule any in-person business with the church office prior to stopping in so we can ensure safety protocols are adhered to while navigating the pandemic.
- ❖ 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 are postponed until further notice.

## **Online Giving**

Online giving is an alternative to mailing-in donations that you may want to consider that provides a secure, convenient alternative with 24/7 access allowing you to update your giving information verify scheduled donations, and retrieve giving reports at any time. Give online at [www.zionreformed.church/give](http://www.zionreformed.church/give).

## **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.

## **Records from Last Week**

**Sunday Worship:** 46 online views and 3 shares. | **Soup Kitchen:** 14 meals served.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Week of February 14<sup>th</sup>



### **March Newsletter Deadline**

February 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

### **President's Day**

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Have a blessed and safe day!  
Remember most government entities and banks will be closed.

### **Soup Kitchen**

February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome, carryout only.  
Social distancing and masks enforced. Volunteers welcome!

### **Ash Wednesday Virtual Service**

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons)

### **Staff Meeting**

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am via Zoom

### **Thursday Fellowship Hour**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm (more info at [www.zionreformed.church/fellowship](http://www.zionreformed.church/fellowship))

### **Zion Book Club**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Sue Graff's house.

### **Virtual Sunday Worship**

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am (Lent 1)

Virtual service at [www.zionreformed.church/sermons](http://www.zionreformed.church/sermons).

Sunday School options via Zoom @ 9:45am (more info at [www.zionreformed.church/education](http://www.zionreformed.church/education))

Sunday Fellowship Hour at 12:30pm (more info at [www.zionreformed.church/fellowship](http://www.zionreformed.church/fellowship))



## **OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ZION**

### **Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm via Zoom.

Contact Kim Ridenour at [mskim@myactv.net](mailto:mskim@myactv.net) for more info.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are a community of believers who support one another in love, prayer, and faith! We celebrate one another's joys. Our hearts ache when one of our community hurts. We listen when one has a concern. Most importantly we love one another and support one another in any way that we can. We also pray for one another. Let us share our joys, concerns, and announcements with one another!

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



Happy Birthday to Dennis Householder Jr. (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>), Angela Schaff (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>), and Linda Cantilena (Feb 20<sup>th</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 celebration, contact the church office and let us know.*

### **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.



*One Community, Many Voices*

### **Activity Page Answer Key:**

#### ***Color in the spaces:***

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

#### ***Unscramble the hidden words:***

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

#### ***Crossword Puzzle:***

Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

#### ***Use the compass code:***

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.





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had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James and John. There, Jesus was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. What did Peter say to Jesus?

Fit these words into the crossword puzzle. Then use the words to find what Peter said.

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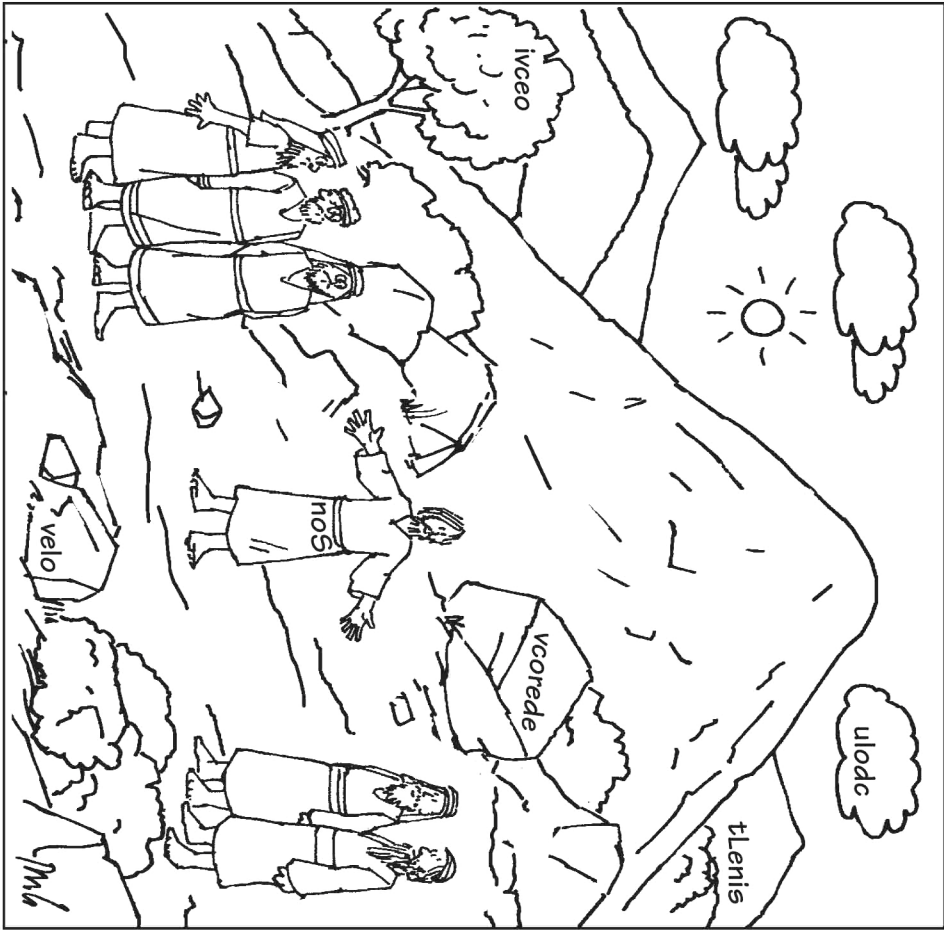
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Unscramble the hidden words and fill in the blanks.

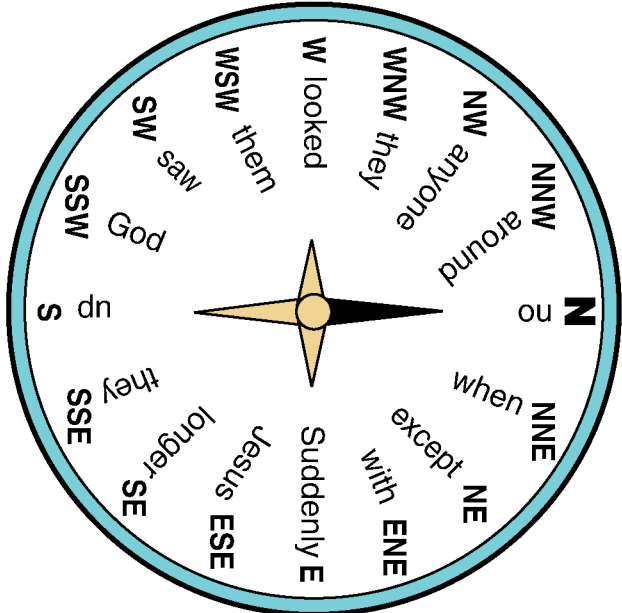


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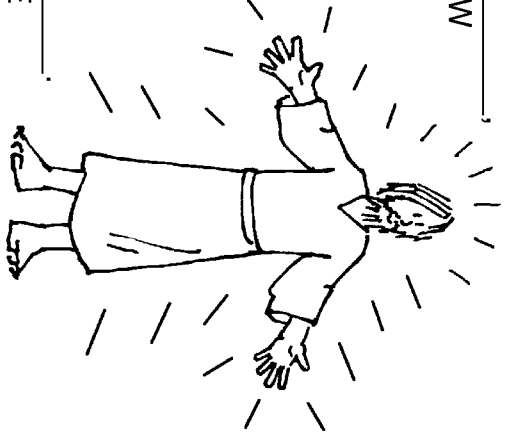
My \_\_\_\_\_, Whom I \_\_\_\_\_ to Him!"

Then what happened?

Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



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