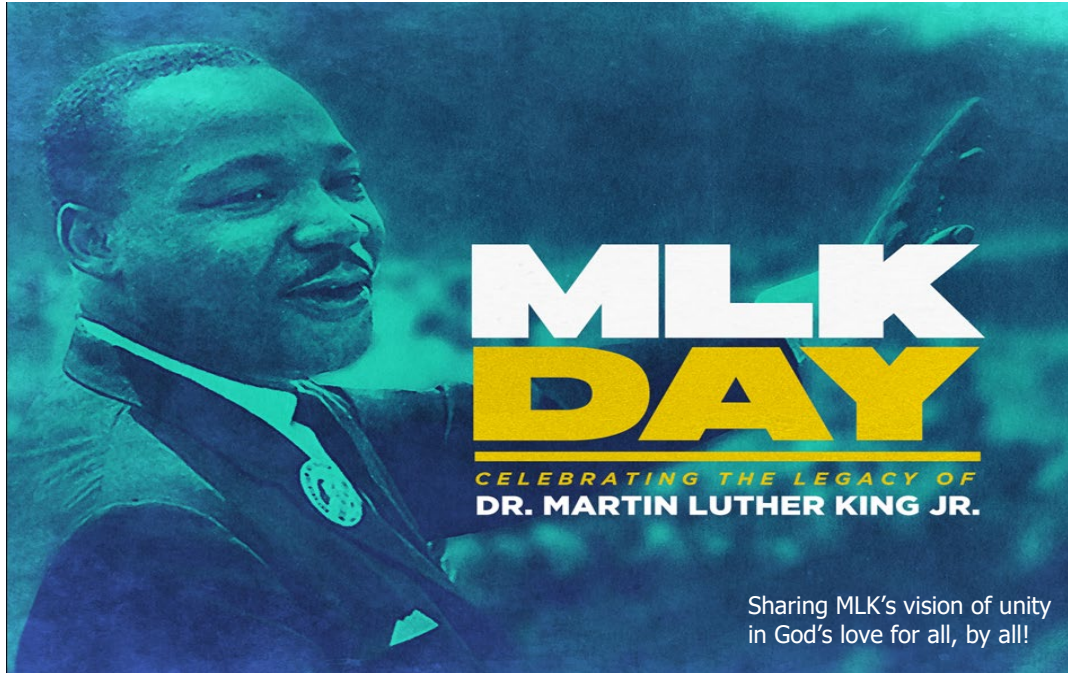


ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday ☪ January 16th, 2022 ☪ 11 A.M.



Meditation of the Day

"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ~



WORSHIP GUIDE

A Light Shines in the Darkness!

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

✦ Indicates Music Selection

Gathering Music ✦

"It is Well with My Soul"

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Psalm XVIII"

Call to Community *(based on Isaiah 60:1-3)*

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— no matter who we are or where we come from,

slave or free, indigenous people and immigrants

The body does not consist of one member but of many.

If one member suffers, all of us suffer together;

if one member is celebrated, all rejoice together.

We are the body of Christ and each are members of it.

Baptized by the Spirit, we proclaim our membership of the body of Christ.

Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that."

"Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality. Hate destroys (a person's) sense of values and objectivity. It causes (one) to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful."

As humans our core can be corroded. We sometimes confuse "the true with the false and the false with the true."

Only love can light our way. "In every age and every generation, people have envisioned a promised land."

"The road ahead will not always be smooth. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted."

But the "ultimate measure of (people) is not where (they) stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where (they) stand at times of challenge and controversy."

So we dream together: experiencing each other's hardships, weaknesses, and judgments.

We dream together.

Dreaming and striving for the world promised by God.

Affirmation

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us. I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice. I believe those around me are my brother and my sister. I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed. I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it. This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation. I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

Meditative Interlude

"Praise, My Soul, King of Heaven"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Rae Smith, Lector

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Second Lesson

John 2:1-11

Rev. Katie Penick

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and so in faith and with assurance we bless our gifts given. We rejoice in a generous God who meets our needs. We hope in a creative God who multiplies our gifts. We look towards a mysterious God who invites us to kingdom living. God of grace, accept these gifts and use them in your sacred service, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Our Story

Sharing the Meal

"Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✨



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of January 16th

Thank You to the Mama Yoya Foundation!



The [Mama Yoya Foundation](#) donated the first of what is to be a recurring donation of food items to assist Tuesday's Supper programming (community free dinners and food pantry). It is with a grateful and humble heart that we say thank you to them!

Virtual Worship

Church activities remain virtual only while the positivity rate exceeds the 10% threshold designated by the consistory for in-person activities to safely be held. It is requested that if able to conduct church business by phone or email. If you must come in to the church during this time, please wear your face mask at all times regardless of how few or how many are in the building.

How to attend Sunday School and to worship virtually:

To join Children's Sunday School virtually from 9:45-10:45am:

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 865 7471 1577 and Passcode: YouthSS.

To join Journeys Adult Sunday School virtually from 9:45-10:45am:

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937 and Passcode: 536055 or simply click the following One-Click Join link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436145937?pwd=SGxMbWNlYzBqbNjVVE9iUjJYTXI0dz09>

To worship virtually at 11am: Go to www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive .

Roofing Repairs and Parking

Roofing repairs begin January 24th, please know that the parking spaces in front of the church on Potomac Street and the handicap spaces in our parking lot near the church office entrance will be unavailable for use during this time.



We Have A Dream!

Joys & Concerns

Prayer Requests



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 to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Thomas Baker](#), [Beanie](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Meredith Button](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Grace Elizabeth](#), [Dot Glasscock](#), [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Stephenson-Lane Family](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [Leslie Rose](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Sammy Rittleberger](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Daisy Schlotterbeck](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eleanor Wible](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks and will be removed at that time unless renewed or requested to remain on the list long-term.*

Lector Ministry



Today: **Rae Smith**

January 23rd Lector: **Amber Nilson**

**If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at connectionsixeight@gmail.com or 240.883.4544.*



MLK Jr. Day – Jan 16th (office closed)

Feb Newsletter Deadline – Jan 18th, Noon

Tuesday's Supper & Food Pantry – Jan 18th from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out only)

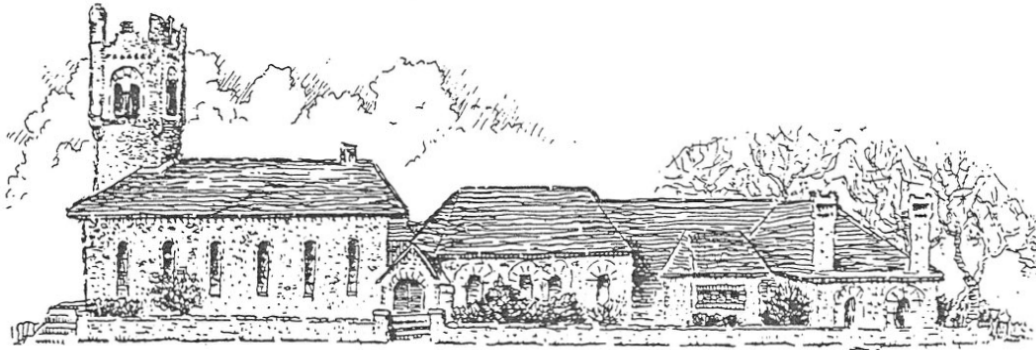
More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Vision/Mission Meeting – Jan 19th, 5:30 – 6:30pm via Zoom
Joint Meeting with the Consistory and Search & Call Committee

Staff Meeting – Jan 20th, Noon via Zoom

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Jan 20th at 4:30pm via Zoom.
<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**.





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