

ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ☩ February 6th, 2022 ☩ 11 A.M.

Silence
in the face of evil
is evil itself.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer~



WORSHIP GUIDE

A Light Shines in the Darkness!

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

✦ Indicates Music Selection

Gathering Music ✦

"Praeludium in A major"

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchior Vulpus"

Call to Community

We have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-9 (NRSV)
Carol Mooers, Lector

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, *'Here am I; send me!'*

Call to Reconciliation

Litany of Brokenness

O God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

With your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

With your Spirit we are drawn into the light of your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

With your Spirit we stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, O God. Touch us now with your Spirit!

~ silence is kept ~

Words of Blessing

Meditative Interlude ✧

"O God Our Hope in Ages Past"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSV)
Carol Mooers, Lector

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Third Lesson

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)
Rev. Katie Penick

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so

also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Gone Fishing



RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for our world,
let these gifts become our response:**

**all your people fed,
all your people safe,
all your people housed,
all your people educated. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Thanksgiving

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly and Completely Love, Creator, Christ, and Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love. In all the near and distant corners of the universe nothing exists that does not find its source and center in you.

Even when we turn away from you, you are with us; your presence never fails us, your gifts of hope and new life transform us. In Jesus Christ, your Chosen One who chose us, we discover our bond to one another.

Our Story

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved, living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place. In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, "This is the new covenant, remember me."

We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

The Blessing

Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower. So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see your goodness, so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with you and with one another. Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!



Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

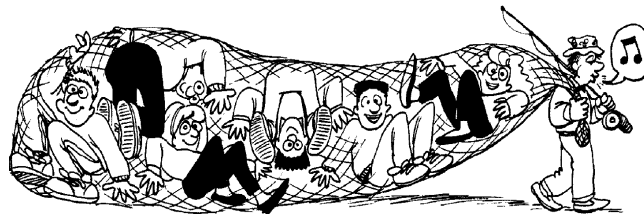
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

Excerpt from "Piano Sonata No. 1"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Peggy Lowman** (Feb 7th) and **Brett Hendershot** (Feb 8th). May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



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](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Meredith Button](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Grace Elizabeth](#), [Glascock Family](#), [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Nicole M](#), [Rev. Katie Penick](#), [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](#), [Startzman-Ridenour Families](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eric Wolbring](#), [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: **Carol Mooers**

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



Consistory Meeting – Feb 7th at 7pm via Zoom

Tuesday's Supper – Feb 8th from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out only)

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

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Feb 10th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**

Lenten Study Planning Session – Feb 10th at 7:30pm via Zoom

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