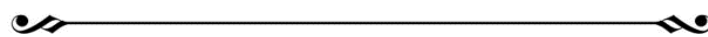


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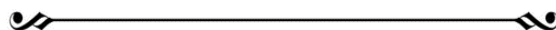
## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ☞ February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ☞ 11 A.M.



## WORSHIP GUIDE

*A Light Shines in the Darkness!*



# WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

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Gathering Music ✦

*"Präludium and Fuge in C minor"*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

*"Postlude on Nicaea"*

Call to Community

Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow? Find me at your table,

**share your food.**

Find me in your riches,

**share your resources.**

Find me in your power,

**share your mercy.**

Find me in your pain,

**share your forgiveness.**

Find me in your generosity,

**share all, and expect nothing in return.**

In community,

**seek my holiness, shown in love, in generosity, in joy.**

In the world, share my wish for:

**Justice, mercy, and peace for all.**

First Lesson

Psalm 37:1-11,37-40

Written by Jeff Shrowder

Don't get worked up about evil people: don't envy those who do wrong: **like the grass they'll wither quickly, as young pasture is burnt by the sun.** Trust in God and do good: **live in the land and feed on its riches.** Delight in God: **who will satisfy your heart's deepest desires.** Commit your way to God: **trust in God and God will act,** making your integrity shine like the dawn: **and your justice like the midday sun.** Be still for God: **wait in hope for God;** Don't get worked up about these folks who get their way: **or those who succeed in their scheming.** Give up anger and rage: **don't get worked up; it only brings grief.** These schemers will be cut down to size: **while those who hope in God shall inherit the land.** Soon the wicked shall be no more: **if you go to their home they will not be there.** Indeed, the meek shall inherit the land: **and delight in untold peace.** The victory of the just comes from God, their stronghold in difficult times. **God will save them and rescue them; rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they sought refuge in God.**

Come, we that love God's name,  
and let our joys be known;  
Together God's great love proclaim,  
Together God's great love proclaim,  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching onward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

### ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (NRSV)  
Rich Owens, Lector

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Third Lesson

Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)  
Rev. Katie Penick

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Hymn of Praise ✨

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*  
Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Interlude ✨

*"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

*SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

Invitation

Our Story

Sharing the Meal ✨

*"O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"*

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 ✨

*"Prelude in C Major"*

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE! 



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 20<sup>th</sup>



### Welcome Back to Your Church Building!



Welcome back to your church building after a brief virtual only period of time. While we continued to worship virtually, it is good to see you in-person. Of course, we are also excited to continue to worship with those joining us virtually also because worship is worship! Let us worship our Almighty Creator today in-person and around the world virtually.

For those unable to attend in person Sunday School or Worship, virtual options remain available at:

**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: 8657471 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 36145937 and Passcode: 536055 or simply click the following One-Click Join link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436145937?pwd=SGxMbWNlYzBqbnJvVE9lUjJYTXl0dz09>

**To worship virtually at 11am:** Go to [www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive).



**President's Day** – Feb 21<sup>st</sup> (Church Office Closed)

**Tuesday's Supper** – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out or dine-in)

More Info at [www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048](http://www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048)

**Core Values Meeting** – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm

**Search & Call Committee Meeting** – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm

**Staff Meeting** – Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club** – Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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

**Book Club** – Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at home of Sue Graff at 7pm (Virtual & In-Person Options)

# Joys & Concerns

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Happy Birthday to **Linda Cantilena** (Feb 20<sup>th</sup>) and **William Wantz** (Feb 21<sup>st</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 is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, may 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, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Beth Gross, Kevin High, Sherry Hockman, Ann Kalinoski, Dee Krause, Scott Krout, Lagenfelder Family, Nicole M, McKann Family, Miller Family, Munday Family, Claudia R, Colleen Rand, Leslie Rose, David Ridenour, Sammy Rittleberger, Betsy Roulette, Daisy Schlotterbeck, Norm & Lori Schmidt, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Christine "Chris" Shaffer, Smith Family, Startzman-Ridenour Families, Stephenson-Lane 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: **Rich Owens**

Next Sunday: **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 [connectionssixeight@gmail.com](mailto:connectionssixeight@gmail.com) or 240.883.4544.*



Lent Begins March 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ash Wednesday

Lenten Worship throughout Lent, Every Thursday at 7pm

Community Yard Sale, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm in support of Zion Outreach programs

More Info Coming Soon

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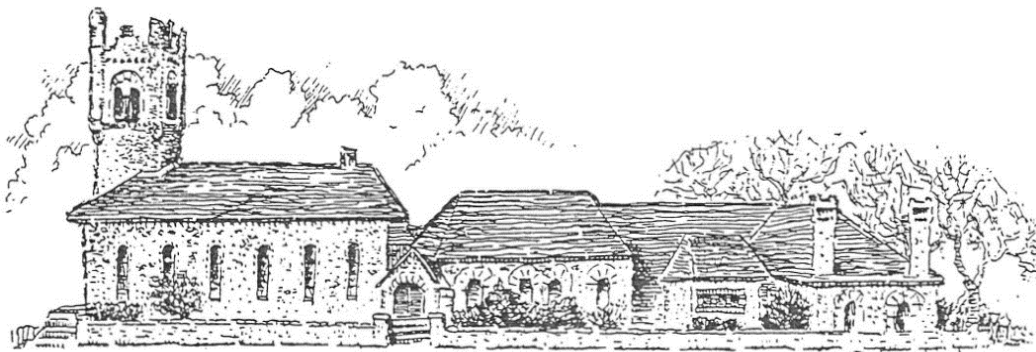
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