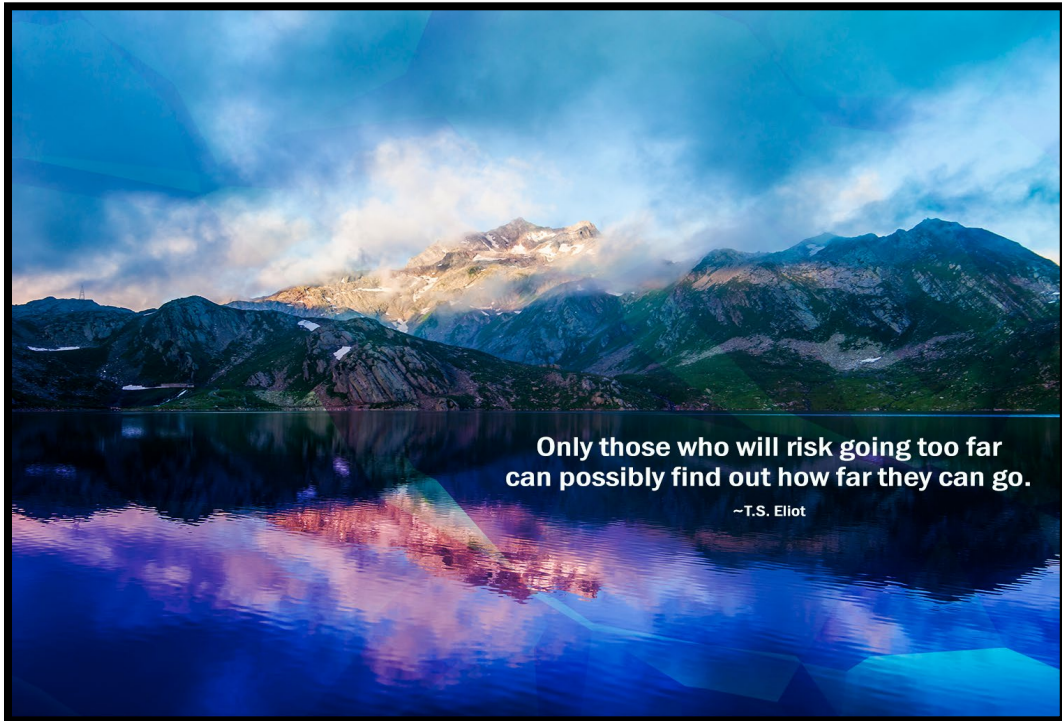


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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Transfiguration Sunday ☩ February 27th, 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.

Please silence all mobile devices.

Gathering Music ✦

"Impromptus"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair"

Call to Community

Based on Exodus 24:12-18 & Psalm 99

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

We hear you but we are afraid. What will we find there?

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

**We gather in this sanctuary, this holy place. Let us meet together here,
away from the distractions of the world!**

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

**Mighty One, we know you are a lover of justice. Our knees, yes even our souls, quake
before you for we have not done what we ought to do.**

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain,

**You have shown yourself to be a forgiving God, therefore we exalt your name. Yes, O'
God, we will come with excitement, trembling with anticipation, to your holy mountain.**

Come! Learn about holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace. Come! So you can see the least among you, those whose rights have been trampled upon. Come! Let the anointing oil of my Spirit open your ears to the sounds of weeping and the anguished cries for justice. Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength.

**Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word. Anoint us as your
priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored. Anoint
us as your holy people.**

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do not be afraid.

Come! Let us worship God.

Call to Reconciliation

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.

Amen.

~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.

Hymn of Adoration ✠

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Verses 1 and 3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)
Amber Nilson, Lector

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Mountaintop Experiences

Hymn of Praise ✠

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Verses 1 and 3

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 ✠

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Our Story

Prayer of Our Savior

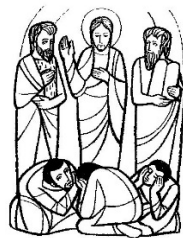
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

Postlude on "Duke Street"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



Spring Congregational Meeting, March 27th after Worship

Maundy Thursday Seder Service, April 14th at 6pm

Good Friday Prayer & Meditation, April 15th (Hours to be Posted)

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 11am

Church Yard Sale, May 7th, 8am-2pm in support of Zion Outreach programs.

More Info Coming Soon



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of February 27th

Ash Wednesday Service



Lent begins March 2nd with Ash Wednesday, a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting in preparation for Holy Week and Easter Resurrection. We will gather at 7pm in person and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive for a service of penitance, reflection, and preparation.

Lenten Worship

Throughout Lent, a special Lenten Worship series, "Jesus Remember Me" will be offered Thursday evenings at 7pm in-person in the Burhans Room and virtually via Zoom. Lenten Thursday Worship: March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. To participate by Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by clicking [One-Click Join](#) or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **826 2272 9373** and Passcode: [Zion](#).



Our Lenten Sunday Worship series at 11am Sunday mornings will be "Journey to Jerusalem". Participate in-person in our historic sanctuary or virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive.



Christian Ed Team Meeting – Feb 28th at 4pm (Burhans Room, Hybrid)

Women's History Month Begins – Mar 1st

Tuesday's Supper – Mar 1st from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out or dine-in)

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

Ash Wednesday Service – Mar 2nd at 7pm (In-Person & Virtual)

Properties Team Meeting – Mar 2nd at 4pm

Executive Committee Meeting – Mar 3rd at 2pm (Burhans Room, Hybrid)

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – Mar 3rd at 4:30pm via Zoom.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer – Mar 4th

More Info More Info <https://wdp-usa.org>

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Kristin Kelly** (Feb 28th), **Jim Rhodes** (Mar 2nd), **Page Wise** (Mar 3rd), **Billie Keller** (Mar 5th), and **Ellen Barr** (Mar 5th). 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: [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Troy High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Nicole M](#), [McKann Family](#), [Miller Family](#), [Mundey Family](#), [James Penick](#), [Claudia R](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [Leslie Rose](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Sammy Rittleberger](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Shafer Family](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [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 unless renewed.*

Lector Ministry



Today: **Amber Nilson**

Next Sunday: **Barb Hendershot**

**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.*

A Prayer for Peace in A Time of War



God of peace, we pray for the war waged by Russia against Ukraine. We come to You seeing in sorrow and hearing in horror the sights and sounds of warfare. We come and lift this before You and seek Your help and Your guidance for this world. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray for the families of those who have lost their lives, for the those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, and their way of life. We pray for your protection and your comfort and your strength for the leaders and the people of this country. We pray Lord for an end to the evil of this invasion. We pray for the deliverance of this world from the sin of manifest destiny, the perceived right that comes with privilege that harms the dignity and human rights of the innocent and the vulnerable. We pray for your divine intervention in the hearts and minds of political leaders across the world. Deliver them and us all from the love of power and imbue in them through your Holy Spirit wisdom, compassion, and the power of love. God, move us to do your will, so that we might do whatever we can, to bring forth your reign on earth as it is in heaven- A world where nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither shall they study war no more. We pray these things in the name of the One who came to bring peace on earth, good will to all. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

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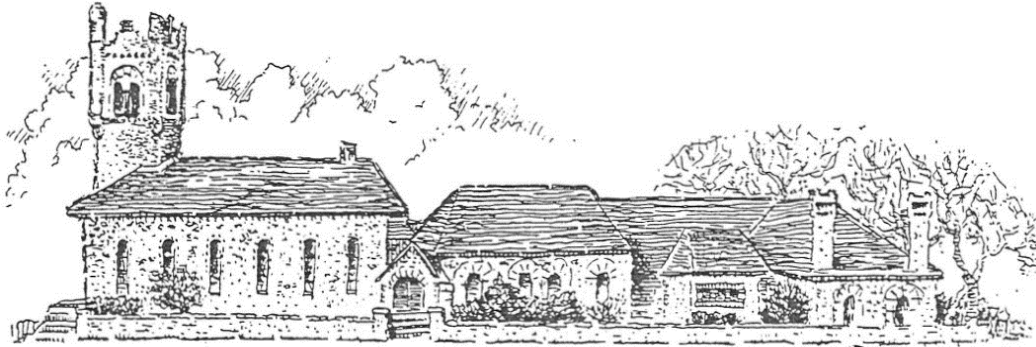
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