

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor**  
**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

February 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.  
Transfiguration Sunday

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated  
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of my loved ones, by Louise Semroc.

**A Time of Gathering**

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Linda Allison, Lector

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Gunner Hills, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. by Roy James Stewart

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Luke 1: 78-79

*...because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by James Janecek)

Linda Allison, Lector

Leader: Come, listen to the One

**People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Leader: Come, see the One

**People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

**People: who shows the salvation of God.**

OPENING HYMN "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav - en to earth \_ to show the way, \_



\_ from the earth \_ to the cross \_ my debt to pay; \_



\_ from the cross to the grave, \_ from the grave to the sky; \_



\_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

## A Time of Prayer

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray.**

#### A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

#### THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

#### A SONG OF ASSURANCE (CCLI #31803)

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall, Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.**

## Dwelling in the Word

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

<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, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SPECIAL MUSIC      "Jesus Loves Me/Jesus Loves the Little Children"  
Emily Rinella and Iris Wentling

SERMON                Blinded by the Light

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

May we give generously on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. You may drop off your offering in the office, mail your gift, use a bank bill pay service or use the "give" button on the website. Thank you for your continued support of Zion's ministries. Let us praise God who strengthens us that we might serve.

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above you heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN                "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (bulletin page 5)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE                "There Is a Land of Pure Delight"                arr. by Larry Shackley

MEDITATION:    Plato

*We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.*

PRAYER &amp; DEVOTION

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 480



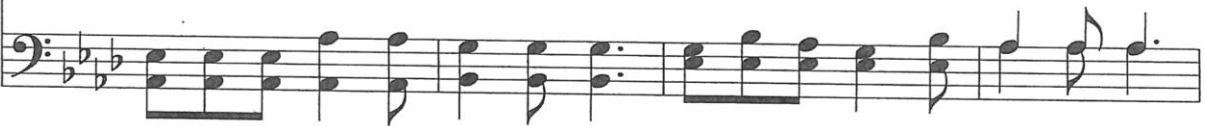
1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.  
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.



Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;



o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to Emily Rinella and Iris Wentling who are providing special music today. Emily is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Iris is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, both at Greenville Elementary School. Emily's parents are Chris and Lynn Rinella and Iris's parents are Parke and Jen Wentling. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

### HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

Dorothy Armour, a resident of The Ridgewood, St. Paul's will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 339 E. Jamestown Road, Greenville, PA 16125.

The Good Shepherd Center request for February is canned fruit and canned vegetables.

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be held in the sanctuary on February 17 at 6:00 and will also be live streamed.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study/Worship will be held at 6:00 in the sanctuary throughout Lent.

Thank you to all who helped with the backpack program this month. You did a great job, as always! - Leslie Graul, Min. of Service and Missions

Thank you to all who stayed last Sunday and made fleece blankets. There are still fleece kits available to anyone who would like to make one at home.