

Isaiah 63: 7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

⁸ He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.

⁹ In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them. ^[a]

In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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TREASURE

the smiles, good times and memories,

LEAVE BEHIND

disappointments, hard-times & enemies,

HOLD ON TO

faith, hope and beliefs

And may your New Year

be filled with

LOVE, JOY, AND PEACE!

-Jennifer Gayle



*Welcome to
Zion's
Reformed
Church*

We're glad you are worshipping with us! Thank you Rev. Glenn Sadler for leading worship today!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Durwood and Nellie Foor, by Virginia and Marvin Meyers.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of E. O. and Ina Davis, by the Baker Family.

Ushers this month are Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle, Vikki Young and Cynthia Snyder.

There is no Church Happening or Coffee Hour today.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity books are available in the back of the sanctuary.

For your comfort and convenience, seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

Through our generous offerings we make it possible for the light and love of Jesus Christ to shine in our congregation, community, and our world.

Offertory Music "We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins

*The Doxology, #780

*The Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

During the distribution of the cup, we will sing:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees:

***Refrain:* When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees:

Refrain.....

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees:

*HYMN OF JOY AND CELEBRATION NO. 154

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" German Carol

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Carol of the Bells"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 63:7-9

SERMON "What Day Is it?"

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify. He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image, and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

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**If you are able, please stand*

January 1, 2023

10:30

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Hills, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

~please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

THE PRELUDE

"Carols for Christmastide"

Traditional

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.

-from UCC Constitution

*GATHERING SONG "Jesus, We Worship You"

Je - sus, we wor - ship You, Je - sus, we wor - ship You—

Like the an - cient wise - men we bow and wor - ship You;

Songs of praise we sing to You, Gifts of love we bring to You—

Je - sus, O Lord di-vine, we bow and wor - ship You.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

People: **The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time.**

Leader: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

People: **The flowers, land, and trees praise the Divine Gardener through rest and renewal.**

Leader: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

People: **Living creatures praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living and being. Praise God!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 153

"Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you created and are creating still. In your Holy presence we are humbled. We confess our unclean lips, our often cold hearts, our broken promises and our wasted, unrepentant hours. Forgive us for our misuse of the gifts you have entrusted to us. If we have neglected your earth and her inhabitants or if we have failed to love as Christ commands, have mercy on us. May we serve you through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

~please greet someone before you are seated~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY