John 1: 43-51 NLT

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

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Welcome to Zíon's Reformed Church! We're glad you're here!



We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in honor and love for my family, by Josie Harbaugh.

Ushering today are Sherry Winner, Pat Seiple, Teri Swartzbeck and Vikki Young.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for The Family for an activity.

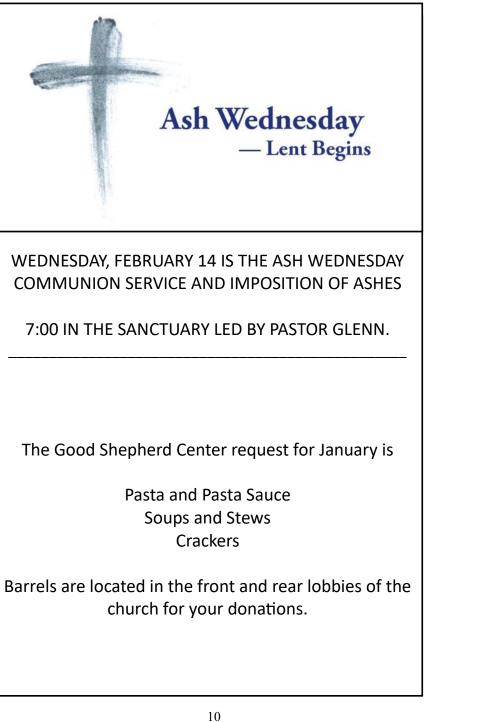
Everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee and conversation in the Anderson Lounge after the service.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, seat cushions and copies of the sermon. Please help yourself or ask an usher. 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NLT

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the LORD by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. Suddenly the LORD called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did. Then the LORD called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." Samuel did not yet know the LORD because he had never had a message from the LORD before. So the LORD called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 NLT

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!



ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST **Rev. Glenn Sadler** Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries *Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able. January 14, 2024 10:30 a.m. Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Winner, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for Leader: 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

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Emily Rinella, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~ "See Amid the Winter's Snow" **Douglass Wagner** PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Come joyfully before the Lord!
- God knows us and loves us! People:
- Come prayerfully before the Lord! Leader:
- God sees our concerns, our fears, our sins! People:
- Leader: Come hopefully before the Lord!
- People: Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!
- Know throughout all of your being, that God absolutely Leader: loves you!

People: How precious and powerful that knowledge is! Thanks be to God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, you know us better than we know ourselves and you have called us by name. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Reveal the words we need most and reveal yourself to us in our darkest hour. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF RESPONSE "Here I am, Lord" (bulletin pages 8 and 9)

"Before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

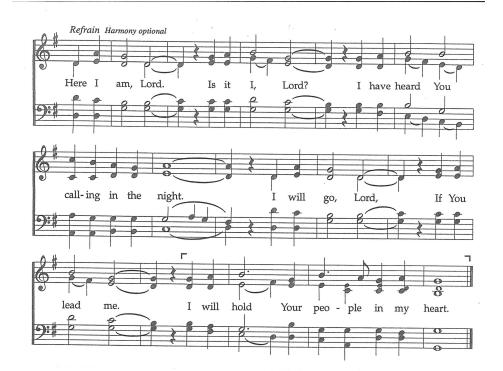
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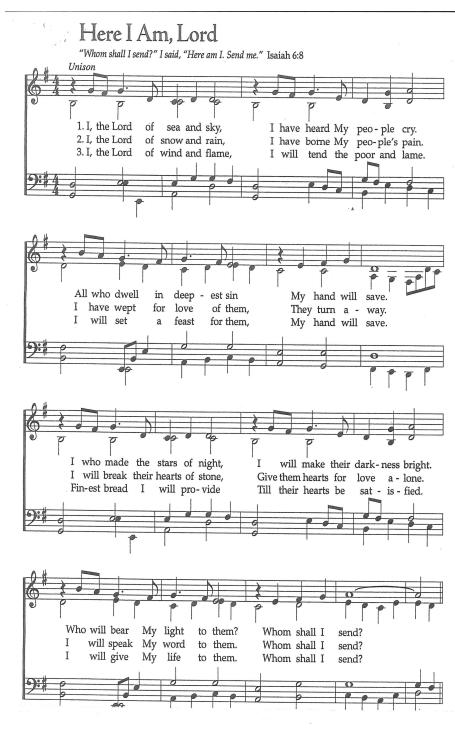
CHOIR ANTHEM "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NLT (bulletin page 11) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NLT (bulletin page 11) John 1:43-51 NLT (back of bulletin)





OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Still, Still, Still" Dan R. Edwards

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

***RESPONSIVE LITANY**

- Leader: The Lord knows you and loves you. Let God's light shine in the darkness so that others may see the good works and glorify God.
- People: This Little light of mine.....l'm gonna let it shine.
- Leader: Jesus has seen you, waiting for the call to ministry and mission. He calls you now to open your hearts to those around you; to people in need, to those who sorrow, to those who just need someone to talk with.
- People: This little light of mine.....l'm gonna let it shine.
- Leader: Just as God called the boy Samuel, God is reaching out to you to be a witness to God's awesome love and power.
- People: This little light of mine.....l'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
- Leader: You won't hide it under a dark cover, will you?
- People: No, I'm gonna let it shine!
- Leader: You won't extinguish it because you're afraid and feel unworthy, will you?
- People: No, I'm gonna let it shine!
- Leader: Will you let God's light shine through your life?
- People: Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
- Leader: Let that light shine on you, in you and through you always.
- People: Praise be to God!

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Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!		
*BENEDICTION		
*TAKING THE LIGHT	INTO THE WORLD	
*THE POSTLUDE	"Trumpet Tune"	Anthony Giamanco

