## Mark 1:29-39

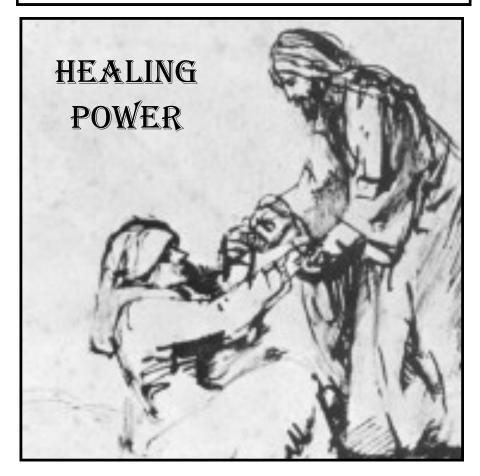
As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.







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

We extend a special welcome Rev. Steve Craft, his wife Chris and their son Danny.

All members are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary at the end of the service to vote on calling Rev. Steve Craft as our Settled Pastor.

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our grandmother and great-grandmother Elizabeth "Betty" Williams and our aunt and uncle Pat and Hugh McCright, by the Family.

Ushering today are Karen Galus, Linda Henry, Lynn Rinella and Emily Rinella.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after A Time for Children 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, and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself or ask an usher.



Alzheimer's Support Group, Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 2:00 in the Anderson Lounge.

Good Shepherd Center Full Board meeting on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 6.

Packing backpacks on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service is Feb. 14 at 7:00. Consistory will meet at 6:00.

The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will meet Thursday, February 15 at 4:30.

The Fasnacht Dinner and Basket Raffle is Sunday, February 18 after the service. Baskets are needed! Please bring them to the church office or let Julie know you will provide one.

# **Great Is Our God**



## ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Steve Craft

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able. February 4, 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 Rev. Glenn Sadler, Lector

#### THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

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

#### THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Kaleb Deeter, Acolyte

*~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~* PRELUDE "We Have Met to Worship" Richard Blake

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.
- People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.
- Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.
- People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.
- Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.
- People: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love.

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 22 "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped"

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Comforting and healing spirit, it is all too easy for us to focus only on the negative things in life, instead of celebrating all that you provide that is positive and good. Redirect our wayward hearts, Lord. Refocus our wandering minds. Remind us of the hope we have in you, for your love and mercies are without end. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*A SONG OF PRAISE "Great Is Our God" (page 6)

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

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Are Family" Joseph M. Martin

#### 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 READING Mark 1:29-39

SERMON "Healing Power" Rev. Steve Craft

# OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Children of the Heavenly Father" Pethel \*Doxology No. 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, Let there be peace on earth; and let it begin with me.

#### \*BENEDICTION

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD** 

All members may be seated and we will vote on calling Rev. Steve Craft as our Settled Pastor. Non-members and visitors are welcome to go to the Anderson Lounge for coffee and conversation.