

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:15 a.m.

(\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

**WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP *This Is the Day*

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 27

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**P: Why should we be afraid?**

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**P: What have we to fear?**

L: Let us shout with joy to God!

**P: Let us sing and make music before our God.**

\*HYMNS *Lord I Lift Your Name On High*  
*O How I Love Jesus*

\*PRAYER **Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home away from home. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation! We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – know that you accept us and are ever mindful of our cares and joys. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us in word and melody and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Let Your Light Shine*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

**GOD'S WORD FOR US**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-22

MESSAGE *Be Part of His Dream*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Nadine Damer, Evelyn Coulter, Marian Benedict, Terry Tostovarsnik, Rusty & Mary Thies, Debbie, Barb Cummins, disaster victims, Mary Fiedler, Andy Gower, Mike Debo, Family of Terri Short, Aubrey Goff, Tom & Barb, Ayden Arnold, Family of Amy Rogel, Family of Daryl Stuhr, Shirley Lopeman, Mike Schoening, Family of Don Redeen, Neil Tipton, People of Ukraine, Jim L., Keisha Smith, Tom Kelly, Bob Antkowiak, Eleanor Johnson & family, Carol Dean, Charlene, George, Dan, Darrell, Joe Smith, Marilyn Haslam, Bill Vlastnik, Kathy Radtke, Ron Narczewski, Alice Guenther, Dixie Tonozzi, Paul Lewis, Jean Spayer, Joe Rogel, Ron Hudkins, Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAISE RESPONSE *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance. Amen.**

**WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME**

\*HYMN *We Are Called to Be God's People*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Announcements

### New Prayer Requests

- Nadine Damer, for health
- Marian Benedict, for health and life change
- Evelyn Coulter, for health
- Terry Tostovarsnik, for health

**\*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!**

**The Annual Meeting** will be held next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)** meets at 9:00am Sunday mornings for learning and fun. All kids Kindergarten thru 5th grade are welcome. We hope to see you!

**The Board of Christian Education** needs volunteers for Sunday School. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve, please contact the church office.

**Choir** practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the church office or Jim Greening (815)223-1858 with questions, or come to practice.

**Pastor Alex is on the radio!** At 8:25 every Sunday morning he will be on the air on WLPO 103.9 FM to share a five minute talk. We're getting good feedback from WLPO listeners in the community. Pastor has often said that Zion is the best kept secret in the Illinois Valley. Let's change that! Listen in when you can and let your friends know.

**"Souper Bowl Sunday"** will run Jan. 29 – Feb. 12. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup to worship and use them to vote for the team they think will win the Super Bowl, or the team they hope will win. The Sunday after the game, those who voted for the losing team are asked to bring one can of soup for every losing vote they cast. Jim Greening also says those who voted for the

winning team should bring more soup to celebrate their team's victory. All the soup will be given to the Food Pantry. So who are you going to vote for?

Join us for refreshments in fellowship hall after worship. If you would like to sign up to provide coffee fellowship there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall, or contact the church office.

**The Women's Guild** will meet Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

2023 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If you have not been able to pick up your 2023 envelopes, use any envelope and put your name and date on it when you donate your contribution. Your envelope number is the same. Zion Church again thanks you for your continued support during these hard times. Your generosity has been a blessing for the continued operation and mission of Zion. Should you have any questions about envelopes or your giving statement please contact Jim Greening at (815) 223-1858.

### **The I. V. Food Pantry and PADS are in need of donations.**

**HELP THE HOMELESS** At Peru **PADS** shelter, the need is great in these difficult times. The number of people residing at the shelter is at an all-time high, with many being children. Zion UCC congregation is once again supplying one meal a month on the fourth Tuesday. We have a delicious dinner prepared and delivered to PADS each month through May. Can you help with a donation to help cover the costs? If you would like to help, you can place a check in the offering. Be sure to note on the check that it's for PADS. Or you can give online by going to the online giving site and use the drop down menu to click on "Give to PADS meals". Thank you for helping feed people in need in the Illinois Valley.

### **You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954**

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm. Please call 815/780-4618 or email joan.fernandez@ivch.org for more information.

Copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.

Copies of "These Days" Daily devotions are available in fellowship hall.

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**This week:**

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

PADS Meal

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Choir practice

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir Practice

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Followed by Annual Congregation meeting

**Office Hours**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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