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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



Welcome to our Combined 10:15am Worship Service In-Person & Streaming Online



Sunday, February 27, 2022 Transfiguration Sunday

### Welcome

May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today That will enable you to handle life's challenges.

### **Children's Bulletins**

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

### Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul. (Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

### Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. Due to the COVID pandemic, for the safety of children, we are currently not offering a nursery during worship. Normally, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

### **Junior Worship**

For the safety of children, we are not offering Junior Worship during the pandemic. Normally, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

### **Changing Tables**

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

### **Water Fountains**

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

### **Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

### **Sunday Worship**

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

### Praver and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

### **Looking for a Church to Call Home**

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

### More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

{Symbols used in this bulletin: \*= if able please stand;  $$f$# = Red Hymnal Page; <math>\Box #=$  Blue Hymnal Page}







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If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office @sprucc.org

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP We Gather

We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God, and provide for one another our love, support, and care.

Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.

They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.

### A TIME OF GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Handbell Choir "Here I Am, Lord" words and music by Daniel Schutte, arranged for handbells by Bill Ingram Given in Memory of Rev. George Miller's Service to the Church by

Rod and Miriam Borkert

### **GREETING AND WELCOME**

{To center your hearts and minds, you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP (Silently Before Worship Begins)

How can this be? Jesus in 33 AD, Moses from the 1500s BC, and Elijah from the 800s BC – all visible and conversing together on the mountain of the Transfiguration. Moses of the Law, Elijah of Prophecy, and the glowing Jesus. Peter, James, and John were witnesses of this foresight of the Kingdom of Heaven.

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding" all verses NCH 182

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### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy

Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 99

Leader: The Lord is king;

People: let the people tremble.

Leader: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;

People: let the earth shake.
Leader: The Lord, great in Zion,
People: is high above all peoples.
Leader: Let them confess God's name.

People: which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

### We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION <sup>②</sup> (Leader)

We come before the altar of God to confess our sins and to be restored fully to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

O Lord of our Hearts, we confess that we are not worthy to receive your mercy and forgiveness, but it seems that you think otherwise. Sometimes we are impulsive like Peter and boastful like John or we have other personality deficiencies as James may have had. Forgive us, oh Lord. Amen.

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

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\*Prayer for Mercy "Kyrie" 

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Leader (spoken):
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### \*Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Just as Jesus forgave Peter, James, and John, Jesus forgives us. But more, Jesus re-shaped and honored Peter, James, and John, and Jesus re-molds us so that gradually we become more like we were created to be. **Amen.** 

### \*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: The Lord has been made manifest to us.

People: Illumined by the Spirit, we sing to the Lord our praise.

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\*Sung Response of Praise "Take My Life and Let It Be" Red #253 Public Domain Take my Life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

{Please be seated}

### We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."

Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Gospel Lesson: <u>Luke 6:27-38</u>
Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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**HYMN** "I Then Shall Live" all verses

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG 1. "Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him at the noontime.

Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down." 2. "Love Him". 3. "Serve Him". 4. "Thank Him".

**SERMON** "Coming Full Circle or Not"

### We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped, we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God,

praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

{Those who are able, please rise}

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Adapted from Ephesians 1:15-20
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation. For in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together; Christ is the head of the body, the church.

# Words of Commendation for Linda Louise Kellenberger, member of Zion UCC, Womelsdorf

{please be seated}

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Leader: Let us pray...

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.** 

### LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 Lord"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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### OPPORTUNITIES OF OFFERING TIME AND TALENT

Prayer Needs, Joys, Opportunities for Study and Service, and other Announcements

### OFFERTORY INVITATION @

Leader: As Christ Jesus shone in marvelous glory, **People:** as Jesus revealed the Kingdom of God,

Leader: let us give ourselves to be molded and shaped.

People: Let us reflect the glory!

### RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person. A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.

Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure Online Giving option on our website at sprucc.org. St. Paul's UCC Click Here
or Zion UCC's online giving at <a href="https://www.1Zion.org">www.1Zion.org</a> - Zion UCC Click Here
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.

### **OFFERTORY/ANTHEM**

"Take My Life"

Francis Ridley Havergal & Richard Blake

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Take My Will"

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Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

\*Offertory Prayer <sup>2</sup> (Leader)

Leader: Receive our gifts, O glorious Jesus. May they help your kingdom on earth

to flourish.

ALL: Amen.

### We Are Sent Out

In response to God's love and grace, we go out into the world to share God's Good News through our words and actions.

### \*Commission @

Leader: Seeing the glimpse of the kingdom of God **People: was a privilege for Peter, James, and John.** 

Leader: Sharing the glimpse of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus talking together

People: is our privilege along with Peter, James, and John.

Leader: Let us share this vision!

People: Yes, it waits to be shared with our friends, our families, and strangers.

ALL: Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

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\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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\*Sending Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us, as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

**POSTLUDE** 

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

### ALL are invited

to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall



### The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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# From our NEW Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call

Greetings Pennsylvania Southeast Conference,

phase of my ministry and to be a part of the "greatest conference in the United time. For those who may not know, my family is from Mississippi, though I was oorn in Singapore to a family whose father worked in the oil business. At age 2 thank you for calling me as your settled Associate Conference for Search and my family was transferred to Indonesia, and I stayed there until I was around 12 years old, which is when we moved back to the United States. My parents encounter with the living Christ changed my world, and I become involved in Church of Christ," as our Conference Minister Bill Worley reminds us all the were not religious people, and I was essentially the same until I became a Call, a position I formally began on February 1. I'm excited about this new Oklahoma, I walked "the sawdust trail" and accepted a calling to pastoral Christian at age 13, which transformed my life and my life journey. That various Southern Baptist churches. At a Southern Baptist youth camp in ministry at age 15 or 16.

denominational home. I am appreciative of its proclamation of the Gospel in both its words of love for all and in its deeds meant to bring about justice in In 2005, I was granted privilege of call in the UCC, which was a moment of churches that is the United Church of Christ and am so glad to call it my theological homecoming of sorts for me. I deeply love this collection of this world in Christ's name.

ne not to cash my weekly \$300 paycheck until the plate offering was deposited Over 24 years of ordained ministry, I have served as a part-time minister, while declined and ones where money was never an issue to congregations that told service as the Pastor of the good people of Epiphany UCC in Chicago, IL. I have minister when the time arrives for a pastoral transition in your own setting, to :wo settings, one being at a large church that had 2100 attendees on Sunday, and a small church pastor in a rural setting. I just completed over 10 years of holding down 2 other jobs, a new church start pastor, an associate pastor in a few days after my payday. One of those churches I served has even closed challenges I could never have imagined 23 years ago, but I bear witness that thankful. My work with you will be supporting you in your search for a new Like many of you, I have seen tremendous changes in the church, and new pastored in congregations that have numerically grown and numerically God has been present in all that change and challenge and for that I am which I will bring all my efforts and passion.

Again, thank you for issuing this call to serve the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference!

Rev. Kevin J. McLemore, Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call

### **About Today**

Church Season: Epiphany - Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world.

In Greek "phan" is "shine" or "manifest," and "epi" is "upon." The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

**Transfiguration Sunday** – Celebrating the transfiguration (change into dazzling white) of Christ, when he took Peter, John, and James to the mountain top to pray, and where Moses and Elijah appeared with him.

### **Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**Green** – symbolizing this season of mission – the incarnate Christ has been made manifest to us on Epiphany and we are to go into the world and share his Good News.

**White** – symbolizing the transfiguration of Jesus being transfigured/changed into dazzling white, as our lives are completely cleansed of sin by Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible.

### This Sunday, February 27 -- Lectionary Reading for Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

### **Exodus**

The book of Exodus (OT) is a part of the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT or Torah or one of the five most central books in Judaism), and is named for the exodus (leaving/escape) of the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery through the divine saving providence of God and the leadership of Moses and his brother Aaron.

### Psalm 99

This OT song, tells us to praise for God's fairness and holiness. Because God is perfectly just and fair, we can trust him completely.

### The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 50-56 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is believed to be a compilation of fragments of multiple letters. This letter is in response to Titus' glowing reports and other negative reports Paul has received about this church. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

### The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

### Next Sunday, March 6 -- Lectionary Reading for 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

### TRANSFIGURATION

### We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding



### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

## I Then Shall Live

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# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 248

