**Zion’s United Church of Christ**

**welcoming people,**

**uniting in worship,**

**receiving and sharing**

**the love of God.**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 11, 2024 – 10:15 a.m.**

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

**Bold Print** is an invitation to read those sections out loud together.

**Reminder:**Please turn off all phones and electronic devices.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher at the entrance if you would like to try one.

**Announcements**

 **Prelude**

 **Call to Worship**Pastor:  From the rising of the sun to its setting
**Congregation: God speaks to us and summons us.**Pastor: God gathers us in covenant,
**Congregation:  God’s glory shines forth.
All:  Let us worship God!**

**\*Invocation (Pastor)**Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn #182** *We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding*

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**Pastor: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:
**All: Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.**

**Words of Grace**Pastor: God’s glory shines forth, and God judges with grace and with mercy. God gives us renewed life and our spirits rise through the power of forgiveness.
**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*Gloria #759**

 *Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Peace of Christ**

**Message for Youth**

**Scripture:   2 Kings 2: 1-12 (Susie Hayden);**

 **2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (Susie);**

 **Mark 9:  2-9**

**Response of Praise** *Thy Word*

 *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**Sermon:  “Dazzling Light”**

**\*Hymn #456** *More Love to You, O Christ*

**\*Statement of Faith #885**

**Pastoral Prayer and Our 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 #769**

*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;*

 *Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

**Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)**God’s gifts to creation and to us are abundant and ever-new. Entrusted with creation’s care and with care for one another, we share our gifts out of our own abundance.

**Offertory**

**\*Offering Response #780**         *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Unison)
Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #609** *Now Is the Time Approaching*

**\*Benediction (Pastor)**

May you go renewed in spirit,
May you go, rising to new life,
May you go with God’s mantle of mercy
And blessing of peace upon you,
Now and forever.
Amen!

**Postlude**

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**Those serving today: Altar Guild:** Mary Cresswell

**Financial Secretary** – Louise Griffiths; **Assisting –** Susan Embody

**Usher:** Jim Miller

**Those serving next week: Altar Guild:** Mary Cresswell

**Financial Secretary** – Louise Griffiths; **Assisting –** Audry Leister-Stengel

**Usher:** Craig Strunk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 11, 2024**

**Altar flowers** arepresented by Jim and Bambi Eschbach in memory of loved ones.

**Prayer List:** The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, The victims of the tornadoes and natural disasters, Richard Adinolfi, Alvin Behm, Marsha Biehl, Joe Brogley, Ed Brous, Irene Burkhardt, Joan Clouser, Jane Detwiler, Laurie and Peter Eaton, Jana Eschbach, Doris Evenstad, Ruth Hardaker, Betty Hawthorne, Chip Hoover, Kathy Hughes, Dorcas Kieffer, Jim Kirkhoff, Betty Leister, Robert Mackie, Eleanor Mauger, Daryll McCormick, Calvin Miller, Ollie, Dan and Lois Oister, Phyllis, Holly Rhoads, Dave Richards, Bill Ross, Christian Ross, Karen, Paul, and Scott Steffey, Lee Steiner, Bob Stengel, Dave and Pat Stout, Sandy Strunk, Dottie Taylor, Dotty Washburn, Patti Whisler, Barbara Ziegler

**Today, February 11 – Souper Bowl of Caring Special Offering**

**Wednesday, February 14 –** **Ash Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Imposition of ashes and quiet meditation in Trinity’s sanctuary (ashes also offered in parking lot for those who desire)**

 **Evening Joint Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.**

 Wednesday Crew

 Quilters

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***CareBag List for Pottstown Infusion Center***

Here is a suggested list of donations:

—Knit hat

---Neck Noodle

—Hand lotion/chap stick

—mouth wash

—Prayer shawl/ lap blanket

—diamond painted angel keychain

—a CareNote (or similar) booklet

—word puzzle book

—notepad and pencil