**Zion’s United Church of Christ**

**welcoming people,**

**uniting in worship,**

**receiving and sharing**

**the love of God.**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 4, 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**

**Solemn Declaration (Pastor Austin)**

*All who are able may stand.*

**\*Call to Worship**Pastor Austin: To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?  
**Congregation: We lift up our eyes,**

**We wait upon the Eternal, our God.**Pastor Austin:  How good it is to sing praises to our God.  
**Congregation:  A song of praise is fitting**! **Let us worship God together.**

**\*Hymn #179** *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

*Please be seated.*

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Pastor Austin: 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: Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love, bringing our broken hearts and**

**our wounded spirits. Make us aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we**

**wound, of those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down. Renew us in**

**your grace, renew us in your strength. Amen.**

**Words of Grace**Pastor Austin: Have you not known? Have you not heard? God does not grow weary with us, but loves, forgives, and renews us. Go with renewed strength in your walk of faith.  
**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

*All who are able may stand.*

**\*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**

*Please be seated.*

**Message for Youth**

**Choir Anthem** *Here I Am, Lord* Words & Music by Tom Long & Allen *Pote*

Choral Arrangement by Jack Schrager

**Scripture:  Isaiah 40: 21-31;  I Corinthians 9: 16-23;  Mark 1: 29-39**

**Response of Praise** *Thy Word*

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

**Sermon:**  “Rest, Reflect and Recharge” by Pastor John

*All who are able may stand.*

**\*Hymn #488** *Be Still, My Soul*

*Please be seated.*

**Invitation to Generosity (Pastor Austin)** Our scripture this morning teaches that God builds up, lifts up, binds up, heals, covers, and shelters us. May the gifts that we bring and share extend these ministries.

**Offertory**

*All who are able may stand.*

**\*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)  
Holy One, we bring our gifts and pray that they may be for the building up and lifting up of your people, for the binding of wounds and the healing of hearts, for shelter and for covering and clothing for those in need. With these gifts we offer our songs of praise as we hope in your steadfast love. Amen.**

**\*Communion Hymn #502** *Dear God, Embracing Humankind*

﻿ *Please be seated.*

**+The Sacrament of Holy Communion+**

**Invitation**

Pastor Austin: Are you hungry and thirsty?  Christ has invited us all to join in this

meal.  The Spirit calls us to take our place among family in the

presence of God.

**All: Like droplets of rain, we converge into the stream of living water that is**

**the love of Christ.**

**Words of Institution**

Pastor John:  On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, after giving thanks to you,

broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, “This is my body which is for

you; do this remembering me.”

**All:  This is how we remember Your love, remember Your power, we live in**

**Your grace.**

Pastor Austin:  After supper, Jesus took the cup and said, “This cup is the new

covenant, my life poured out for you; whenever you drink it, do this

remembering me.”

**All: This is how we remember Your love, remember Your power.**

**We live in Your grace.**

**Seraphic Hymn # 795 Holy, Holy, Holy**

**The 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 of Consecration**

Pastor John: Come now, Holy Spirit of God as you were present, brooding over

creation at the beginning, be present now.

**All:  Transform these elements into the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Pastor Austin:  As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith,

be present now.

**All:  Transform all of us who share this meal into one Body of Christ.**

Pastor John:   The Body of Christ – The Bread of heaven.

Pastor Austin:  The Blood of Christ – The Cup of salvation.

              The gifts of God for the People of God: Come, for all things are ready!

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Congregation partakes of the Bread and of the Cup**

Pastor John:  The Body of Christ broken for you, take and eat.

 Pastor Austin:  The Blood of Christ shed for you, take and drink.

*All who are able may stand.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**Almighty God, we give You thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal.  Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  Amen.**

**\*Hymn #592** *God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command*

**\*Benediction (Pastor Austin)**May the Holy One, Creator of the entire universe,  
Lift up your spirit, bind up your soul,  
And renew your strength.  
Go with hope in the steadfast love of God.  
Amen!

**Postlude**

*(We invite you to be seated to “Rest, Reflect and Recharge” during the playing of the Postlude.)*

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**Communion Note:** Please note that everyone who believes in Christ and desires peace with their neighbor is welcome to participate in Holy Communion. That is, we practice an open Communion Table.

The dark cups contain wine and the light cups contain grape juice.  The bread in the special wrapping is gluten free.  Please select the one you like and hold the tray to serve your neighbor.  You may continue to pass the serving along your row in the pew. It is our practice to hold the bread and then the cup until all have received, at which time everyone is invited to commune together. Thanks for your thoughtful participation.

***Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.***

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

**Financial Secretary** – Joan Miller; **Assisting –** Brenda Ross

**Usher:** Susan Embody, Head Usher; Jim Whisler, Diane Andres, Joan Miller

   Dusty Rhoads

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

**Financial Secretary** – Joan Miller; **Assisting –** Susan Embody

**Usher:** Jim Miller

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 4, 2024**

**Altar flowers are** presented by Louise Griffiths to the “Glory of God” and celebrating the marriage of granddaughter Lydia to Summitt, which took place in Goa, India.

**Prayer List:** The grieving family of Austin L. Chinault (Pastor Austin’s father),The grieving family of Dorothy Yost,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

Please, contact the church office or Marsha Biehl if you know of someone who is in the hospital or needs to be placed on the prayer list. Names will be removed from the Prayer List after 3 months.

**Today after the service – Please join us in gathering for desserts and fellowship in the Chapel basement following the service.**

**Wednesday, February 1 –** Wednesday Crew

Quilters

Pizza and Ping Pong, 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

**Save your Redner’s Receipts!** Please, place your Redner’s Save-A-Tape receipts in the box in the lobby of the Sunday School building. We need the entire register tape in order to get credit. Redner’s will donate 1% of sales to our church.

**Get on Board with Market Cards! Support Your Church!**

Members and friends may purchase a Giant and/or Redner’s Gift card to use for groceries or gas. Denominations of cards come in $25, $50, or $100. There is no charge to you but our church receives 5% of the grocery card purchased. Gift cards to Redner’s or Giant are available Sundays in the Sunday School building or during the week through the church office.

***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

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**“The only measure of your words and deeds**

**will be the love you leave behind when you are gone.”**

***Everything Possible* by Fred Small**

**Rev. Dr. Kris Hayden, Supply Pastor**

**Keith Clattenburg – Organist/Choir director**

**Laura Clattenburg – Music Coordinator**

**Kimberly Kulesa – Office Administrator**

**Frank Moser - Custodian**

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