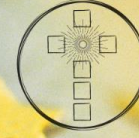


EPIPHANY 2024

Follow Your Star: Seeking Light



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Gathering—We gather to respond to the call of God’s love thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us. May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others. Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied. Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded. May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.+

Gathering Song

On Eagle’s Wings, 438

A Time of Prayer—From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, “God!”. In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you.+ Hear us as we pray the prayer taught to us by your Son

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.

We Hear God’s Word—Mark 1:14-20

Paula Prange

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of

Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20
Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the
hired men, and followed him.

Meditation

UCC Daily Devotionals

“Fluff” on Mark 1:14-15 by Vince Amlin

“I Want to Be Ready” on Mark 1:19-20 by Vince Amlin

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee, 504

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received. We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this place to find new life. The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ. Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of just how blessed we are to know this love that flows so generously from the spirit of God.+

January Benevolence—Emergency Assistance Fund

Doxology

We Give Thanks— May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God’s beloved.+

Hymn

Blessed Assurance, 426

Benediction— go forth today in the assurance that whether you answer the first time, the second time, or the hundredth time, God never stops calling, never stops guiding, and never stops forming you because God’s love never fails. Thanks be to God. Amen.~

Postlude

Rejoice in the Lord