

# EPIPHANY 2026 BY ANOTHER ROAD



**Serve & Enrich**  
Zion United Church  
of Christ

**Our Mission:** United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

**Our Vision:** Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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**January 18, 2026 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**

## Prelude

## Gathering

One: Called to be light,

**Many: we come this day to shine.**

One: Called to follow Christ,

**Many: we come this day to serve.**

One: Called to love God,

**Many: we come to worship and praise.~**

## \*Gathering Song

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*, 91

**Prayer**—Light of the world, shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more intimately. Reveal your presence and make your voice heard, that we may grow in love and shine with the light of your love for all to see.~

**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.**

**Scripture***John 1:29-42 (CEB)*

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one about whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.’ <sup>31</sup> Even I didn’t recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> John testified, “I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. <sup>33</sup> Even I didn’t recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and testified that this one is God’s Son.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said, “Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> He replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated *Christ*). <sup>42</sup> He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated *Peter*).

**Reflection***Road Signs***Hymn***Lamb of God, 281***We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—Every gift we need is already here. Let us bring our gifts, whether we deem them small or large, and trust that they are enough.~

**January Benevolence***Zion Emergency Assistance Fund***\*Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—Lamb of God, bless these gifts with your mercy and your grace. Shine through these gifts with your light and love, that our ministries and our church

may be a beacon of light and love, revealing your presence to our world.~

## Hymn

*As with Gladness*, 236

**Benediction**—May God's steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your road secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of righteousness and peace. Amen.=

## Postlude

~ Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. Abingdon Worship Annual 2023. Abingdon Press. =Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. Copyright 2013.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT ZION

- Sunday, after worship – Special Congregational Meeting, Roundabout
- Sunday, after meeting – Young Adult Pizza and Games
- Monday, 10 am – Council Finance Team (Community Center)
- Monday, 12 pm – Unhanging of the Greens (Part 2)
- Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm – All Church Work Day (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, January 25 – Annual Reports Due
- Sunday, January 25, 9 am – Bell Choir Practice

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- **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—Council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 18, after worship. We are at the point in the process for the roundabout that we need congregational approval for the sale of the land. A handout with updated information is available. We hope you can make it to this important meeting. If you have any questions, please see the Roundabout Taskforce or a council member.
- **ANNUAL REPORTS**—Annual Reports are due by Sunday, January 25. Please email them to [zionsecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zionsecretary@sbcglobal.net). Reports will be distributed on February 8 ahead of our February 22 Congregational Meeting.
- **SRI LANKA PARTNERSHIP TRIP**—As the chair of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference Sri Lanka Partnership Team, Pastor Sarah will help lead a delegation to visit our partners in Sri Lanka in the Church of the American Ceylon Mission. The trip is January 21-February 2, and Pastor Sarah will be off February 3-5 for a few recovery days. Ted Schory will be on call while Pastor Sarah is away.
- **ORDINATION**—With deep gratitude I want to thank everyone who offered their care and support throughout my ordination process. It was a beautiful celebration that I will never forget. Thank you! —Pastor Sarah

## SERVE

- **SAVE THE DATE: WORKDAY**—Roll up those sleeves and join us for a workday on January 24 from 9am-12pm in the sanctuary! Help us tidy up the sanctuary with a deep cleaning of our pews, an extra dusting, and more. We could use as many volunteers as possible to help us accomplish these tasks.
- **BLOOD DRIVE**—Our first Red Cross Blood Drive of the year is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, from 12-6 pm, in the community center gym. Go to [zionuccindy.net/blooddrive](http://zionuccindy.net/blooddrive) to sign up. We are also looking for volunteers to help check-in donors. Sign up today if you're available to help.
- **JANUARY BENEVOLENCE**—We never know when the call might come to serve our neighbors. We never know how it might come--a call at the office, a neighbor knocking on the door, a Facebook message. There are times when our neighbors turn to us in times of crisis and uncertainty. When that call comes, we want to be able to share our resources and our love generously and abundantly. Our *Emergency Assistance Fund* allows us to say, “yes,” when our neighbors turn to us for support. Consider sharing your resources so that we don’t have to turn anyone away.

## ENRICH

- **FIRST FELLOWSHIP**—The Care Team invites you to stay after worship the first Sunday of the month starting in February for fellowship and donuts.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adult Group will gather on January 18 after the congregational meeting for pizza and games. Bring your favorite game and a drink. Be sure to invite family and friends to join us, too.