

+The Foundation of the Church, Our Church is Jesus +



+ The People of Mount Zion-Finksburg + Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany + February 5, 2023+ Worship 9:55 a.m.

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TODAY'S KEY PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

- (1) “ (Jesus said) I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13.34-35
- (2) Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20.26-27
- (3) “For if you forgive others their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”
Matthew 6.14
- (4) “Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Matthew 8.21.
“Why do you call me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I tell you? Luke 6.46
- (5) “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; “I have come not to call the righteous but sinners.”
- (6) Mark 2.17 “Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake, will save it.” Mark 8.34-35

Musical Prelude Let us prepare for the worship of God by listening. + God is still speaking +
Congregation Singing Verses One & Four “Standing on the Promises” UM Hymnal #374

Our Worship Themes

- (A) The next two Sundays, February 12th & 19th our worship theme is “The Ten (Decalogue) Commandments found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Please read ahead of time + Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.
- (B) The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd with worship services at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. Invite a friend.
- (C) Biblically we take a look at some of the “Commandments” of Jesus
 - (1) Our Lord’s Prayer Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is In heaven
 - (2) John 13.12-15 Jesus and foot-washing.” Do you know what I have just done to you?”

Call to Worship (Unison)

We gather this day as the people of God.
Different we may be from one another but united by the Spirit of God!
Therefore, let us arise and shine! The light we have been waiting for is here!
Darkness never has the last word, it has been banished!
God's light of hope floods the earth!
God's light comes to us all. In our lives we are called to share the light.
Lord, as we gather in worship, make us ready to journey to this light.
Open our hearts that we might receive your light. Amen.

Opening Hymn “One Bread, One Body” UM Hymnal #620

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we sing this beautiful hymn we light the Christ Candle as a present reminder that Jesus is the light of the world, and the darkness of the world will never put it out!”

Opening Prayer

Reminder

Next Sunday is our Annual “Soup-er Bowl Sunday
If you can bring a a crock-pot of soup please let Barbara Hayes know this morning. If you can't bring soup maybe bring a dessert.
Regardless come anyway! Always a wonderful morning.

We Welcome our Children

Even if we do not have children in congregational worship we remember all God's children.
“This Is Where Children Belong” #2233 “The Faith We Sing” songbook
“This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song. This is where children belong.”

Informal Moments + Reception of our Tithes & Offerings

Offering Response (Hymnal #94) “Praise God” with Alleluias

Anthem The Faithful Few “What Feast of Love” a meaningful anthem based on the tune ‘Greensleeves’

“What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, What gracious gift is given? This, this is “Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.”

Morning Prayer and our Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God,
as we gather in this place to worship you,
we know that all across the globe,
men and women, children and youth, gather as well to be your church
in all times, in all places, in all languages, in all cultures.

Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal,
that all who gather in your name
and all who praise you
may feel your presence,
know your will,
and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do.
We pray in the name of the One God. Amen.

(Let us pray the "Our Father" together)
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Video "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Blest)

The People of God Celebrate the Holy Communion

**(Unison) Here is bread, Good News for the world with a headline that says:
let all who are hungry for justice come and eat!**

**Here is wine, Good News for all who long
with a headline that says: let all who thirst for righteousness come and drink!**

**Here is the table, Good News for all who are lost
with a headline that says: all who are weary come and gather here!**

**Here is community, Good News for all whom the world ignores
with a headline that says: behold I make all things new, come and be renewed!**

**Here is Jesus, Good News for all who wait with a headline that says:
I have come that all may have life come and live life fully! Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons I Corinthians & The Gospel of Luke
Prayer of Confession + Words of Forgiveness**

Consecration of the Elements + Bread & Wine (Pastor)

**Receive this bread; feed on it with thanks;
it is the gift of God to sustain and nurture; it is Jesus incarnated and given for us.
Give thanks.**

**Drink this wine with thanks; it is the gift of God to bring us joy;
it was a hard won battle; it is Jesus poured out for our redemption.
Give thanks.**

**(We sing together) Hymnal #621
"Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored, thy creatures
bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.**

**Communion of the Faithful + Take and Eat + Take and Drink
(Please come at the direction of the ushers)
Prayer of Thanksgiving (After all have communed)**

Video Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

(Words are on the screen and also in our UM Hymnal #584)

Message Some of the Biblical words and commands from Jesus our Lord to live by."

Closing Hymn “On Eagles Wings” UM Hymnal #143

Closing Words – Sending Forth (In Unison)

This morning, we have sung, we have prayed,
we have worshiped together.

Now we go back out into the world.

We came together to build relationships, relationships with each other,
and our relationship with Jesus.

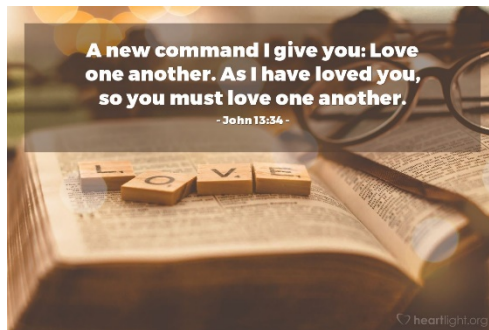
We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

Ready to love and to serve.

Ready to carry God's love to the world.

As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,
let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.
Go with God, as the people of God.
So be it! Amen

We Sing Together “God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold
you. With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet. Till we meet at Jesus’ feet, till we meet, till we meet. God
be with you till we meet again.”



To build a foundation of faith Jesus offers us these words

- 1. I give you a new commandment**, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13.34-35
 2. “One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “**The first is**, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ **The second is this**, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12.28-31
 3. “But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. Matthew 19.30
 4. “It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; **just as the Son of Man came not to be served and to give his life as a ransom for many.**” Matthew 20.26-27
- + Luke 22.24-27 “A dispute also arose among them as to **which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest**. But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. **For who is greater, the**

one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

5. Father **forgive them** for they do not know what they are doing

“For if you forgive others their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father** forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6.14

“Then Peter came and said to Jesus, Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, Not seven times, but I tell you seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18.21

6. Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, **‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’** And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25.41-46

7. “Those who are well have no need of a physician, **but those who are sick;** I have come not to call the righteous but sinners.” Mark 2.17

8. “Do not believe that I have come to abolish the law but to fulfill. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” Matthew 5.17 **“BUT I say to you....**

Matthew 5.22 “You have heard that it was said You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy but I say to you.....”

9. “Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only the one who** does the will of my Father in heaven. Matthew 8.21. “Why do you call me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I tell you? Luke 6.46

10. “Listen and understand: It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Matthew 15.10

11. Then Jesus’ mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And Jesus replied. Who are my mother and my brothers? And looking at those who

sat around him, Jesus said, said “Here are my mother and my brothers!
Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

12. “Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake, will save it.” Mark 8.34-35