

+ The Decalogue+ Rules for the Journey + The Ten Commandments +



+ The People of Mount Zion-Finksburg +

The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany + February 12, 2023+ Worship 9:55 a.m.

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TODAY'S KEY PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE + Exodus 20.1-11

- (1) “ I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery you shall have no other gods before me.
- (2) “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.”
- (3) “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.”
- (4) “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God;.....For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.”

Musical Prelude Let us prepare for the worship of God by listening. + God is still speaking +
Congregation Singing “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” UM Hymnal #404

Call to Worship (Unison)

(based on Exodus 20: 1-17 and Matthew 22: 37-38)

We are called to love the Lord our God with all of our heart,
all of our mind and all of our soul.

We will love God with an intensity
such that no substitute will suffice,
the very mention of God's name will be precious
as we cleave to our time of communion with the sacred.

We are called to love our neighbor as we love our selves.

We will respect the wisdom of our elders.
We will protect the lives and the reputations of those around us.
We will cherish the relationships entrusted to us.
We will not take what is not ours.

We will learn the value of enough.

Let us love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind and strength Amen.

Opening Hymn UM Hymnal #494 “Kum Ba Yah” (Come By Here)

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

Introductory+ The Decalogue (The Ten Words, Commandments)

How did we get to the “Ten Commandments” (background)

Video “Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet and a Light Unto My Path” (Maranatha Singers)

We Welcome our Children

Even if we do not have children in congregational worship we remember all God’s children.

“Jesus love m! This is know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.” UM Hymnal #191

Informal Moments + Reception of our Tithes & Offerings

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

Anthem The Faithful Few “There Is A Higher Throne” NOTE: The congregation is invited to follow along with this anthem. It is found in your (green) “Worship & Song” songbook #3189.

“There is a higher throne than all the world has known, where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come. Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb, believing hearts find promised grace, salvation comes.”

Video “Love Changes Everything” Royal Albert Hall

We find the love of God in the sacred and in the secular. Words that bring together human live For one another are magnified when we look beyond ourselves and see God in the secular, the everyday world. The words are printed on a bulletin insert.

Morning Prayer and our Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Over)

**Gracious God,
your amazing love extends through all time and space,
to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good.**

**You made a covenant with Noah and his family,
putting a rainbow in the sky**

**You made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah,
blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations.**

**You made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people
to all generations, giving them the ten commandments**

and challenging them to choose life.

In Jesus,
you invite us to enter into a new covenant,
in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.

(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.

Message "The Ten Commandments" – The First Four – Our relation to God

Please follow on the worship bulletin insert.

Closing Hymn UM Hymnal #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin With Me"

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."

From the musical, "Aspects of Love"

Andrew Lloyd Webber

**"Love, Love changes everything:
Hands and faces Earth and sky, Love, Love changes everything:
How you live and How you die Love**

**Can make the summer fly Or a night
Seem like a lifetime. Yes, Love, Love changes everything:
Now I tremble At your name.
Nothing in the world will ever Be the same. Love**

**Love changes everything: Days are longer
Words mean more.**

**Love, Love changes everything:
Pain is deeper Than before**

**.Love Will turn your world around
And that world
Will last forever. Yes, Love**

**Love changes everything Brings you glory
Brings you shame.
Nothing in the World will ever
Be the same**

**. Off Into the world we go
Planning futures Shaping years**

**Love Bursts in, and suddenly
All our wisdom Disappears.**

**Love Makes fools of everyone:
All the rules We make are broken.
Yes, Love Love changes everyone.
Live or perish In its flame.**

**Love will never never let you
Be the same."**



Week One + Sunday, February 12 2023

The First Four

Then God spoke all these words,

- 1. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery you shall have no other gods before me.**
- 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.**
- 3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.**

Yahweh

- 4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Sabbath – Friday sundown to Saturday sundown

Sabbath Laws – could be almost extreme

Holy = sacred

Sunday – Christians “first day of the week”

Jesus (disciples criticized for work/eating on the Sabbath) “The Sabbath was made man not man for the Sabbath.

**God rested after six days = Sabbath rest – time for a personal relationship
God.**

Week Two + Sunday, February 19 2023

- 12. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**
- 13. You shall not murder.**
- 14. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 15. You shall not steal.**
- 16. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 17. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."**