

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



+ The People of Mount Zion-Finksburg +

The Seventh Sunday after The Epiphany + February 19, 2023+

Worship 9:55 a.m.

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TODAY'S KEY PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE + Deuteronomy 5.16-21

- +“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord God commanded you, so that your days may be long and it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- + You shall not murder
- +Neither shall you commit adultery
- +Neither shall you steal
- +Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor
- +Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife; neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

Musical Prelude Let us prepare for the worship of God by listening. + God is still speaking +
Congregation Singing “This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made” UM Hymnal #657

Our Worship Themes

- (A) The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 22nd with worship services at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. Invite a friend.
- (B) Next Sunday in preparation for morning worship our theme is “What was the first thing Jesus did after his baptism and his temptation in the wilderness? Read Matthew 4.18-22 and Luke 4.18-30.

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 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UM Hymnal #57

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

We Welcome our Children

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

“Jesus love me! This I 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 “I Have a Dream” A Children’s song about Martin Luther King, Jr. by Darcy Hill. “I have a dream that one day my little children will live in a land where they will Be judged only, only be judged, by what’s in their heart’s. I have a dream.”

Video “Go Down Death” (Taken from “God’s Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons In Verse”)

Written by James Weldon Johnson. Key figure of the Harlem Renaissance, James Weldon Johnson was a man of many talents. Not only was he a distinguished lawyer and diplomat who served as executive secretary at NAACP for a decade, he was also a composer who wrote the lyrics for "Lift Every Voice and Sing," known as the Black national anthem (in our hymnal #519).

Message “The Ten Commandments” – Commandments 5-6-7

- +Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord God commanded you, so that your days may be long and it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- + You shall not murder
- +Neither shall you commit adultery

Morning Prayer and our Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

- + Our Prayer Song + “People Need the Lord” (black) #2244 “The Faith We Sing”

(Unison) 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 on 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” – Commandments 8-9-10

- +Neither shall you steal
- +Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor
- +Neither shall you covet your neighbor’s wife; neither shall you desire your neighbor’s house, or field, or or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

Closing Hymn “Precious Name” #530 UM Hymnal

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.”

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."**