

Zion United Church of Christ
Sunday March 3rd, 2024 --- 10:30 AM
Rev Stephen Stark
(*Please stand if comfortably able)



Prelude
Acolyte
Ringing of Bell
Liturgist

Roberta Swaim
Seth Stark
Usher
Bev Adams

Welcome

**Passing of the Peace*

**Opening Music --- "Lift High the Cross" --- #198 --- VS 1, 3, 5*

**Call to Worship*

Lenten travelers, why are you here?

We gather to do the work of worship.

Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

**Opening Prayer*

Children's Time

Worship Hymn --- "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" --- #286

Prayers for the World

Worship Hymn --- "How Firm a Foundation" --- #407 --- VS 1, 3, 5

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading

Exodus 20:1-17
1st Corinthians 1:18-25

Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Christ.

*Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

Here ends the reading of the word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Depths of Love: "Raise Up"

Rev. Stephen Stark

Service of Holy Communion
(Red Wine or White Grape Juice)

Hymn of Preparation --- "More Precious than Silver" (x2)

♩ = 81

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver. Lord, You are more
cost - ly than gold. Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful than dia - monds, and
noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You.

Chord symbols: C, G/B, F/A, C/G, C, G/B, F/A, Gsus, G, C, G/B, F/A, C/G, F, C/E, Dm, F/G, G, C.

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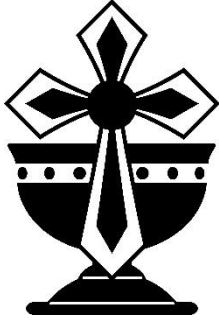
Communion Prayer

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

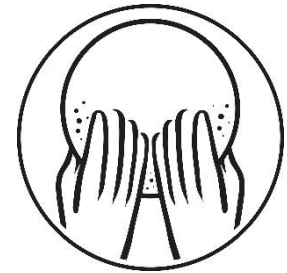
We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God, who gives us courage,
to the One who calls us to lives of service, we give thanks and praise.



Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Blessed is your presence among us.



Mystery of Faith

Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, your bread and your cup renew our spirits. No matter the times we have failed to show up to your call, or to our own needs, or to the cries of our neighbors, you receive us again. May your unending grace be our foundation as we journey with Christ towards a just peace. Amen.

Announcements for the Good of the Community

Mission Moment

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

O God, whose richness is not found at the tables of those willing to exchange goods for the sake of acquiring earthly riches, but rather is found at the table of extravagant love for neighbor, we entrust these gifts to your care that they may abound in your steadfast love for all persons. Use them for the building of your beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Closing Music --- "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" --- #282*

**Benediction*

**Postlude Music*

Pray for...Those Who Cannot Be Here with Us

Sharol Guerin, Dorothy Bridgeforth, June Mitchell, Bill Malina, Jody and Larry Cox

Pray for...Those with Health Concerns

Rebecca Catlin, Marc Grovier, Molly Stark, Jim & Judy Korte, Simon Romoser-Claunch, Logan Vallee, Rick Shepherd, and Sherrie Patterson

Pray for...Ministers and Ministries

Belleville Christ UCC Pastor Jon Tinge & Belleville Concordia UCC Rev. Joan Mier

Announcements...

- Thank you Chicken dinner volunteers
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- Kids Collection Corner March – Cleaning Supplies
- Women’s Guild Painting Night
- Congregational Life Community Dinner – Need ideas or suggestions!
- Fish Fry, Mar. 15th – Volunteers Needed!

March 10th Service Volunteers

- Liturgists: Laverne Laux & Molly Stark
- Techs: Vicki Walthes & Bev Adams
- Acolytes: Mallory Sommers & Adrian Grathwohl

Upcoming Events...

- Mar. 6th – Women’s Guild Painting Night @ 5pm
- Mar. 14th – HIS Ministry Mtg @ 4pm
- Mar. 14th – Congregational Life: Everyone’s Table Mtg @ 4:30pm
- Mar. 15th – Fish Fry 4–6:30pm
- Mar. 18th – Council @ 7pm
- Mar. 20th – Ecumenical Easter Service at First Baptist Church of NB @ 7pm
- Mar. 21st – ONA Mtg @ 6:30pm

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Service Credits

Communion Liturgy – adapted Communion Liturgies Lent, [Communion Liturgies - enflashed](#)

Call to Worship - Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2023.

Opening Prayer – Presbyterian Church USA website, <http://www.pcusa.org/>.

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