

Zion Lippe UCC
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Liturgist: Russ Roehr

February 16th 2020 - 10 am

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RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL AND GREETING

*Now is the time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

PRELUDE *No Matter What*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship in recognition that we are called to be the people of God.

**All: To participate in God's mission in the world.**

One: Let us gather together to receive the message and mission which God has called us to share and serve.

**All: We dedicate our lives and seek God's wisdom so that we might be the men, women, and children who God intends and calls us to be.**

\* OPENING HYMN #319 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

\* MORNING PRAYER (unison)

**God of constant surprise, you often enter our world in silence but delight and disturb us in so many ways. You forgive and invigorate us when we are lulled into complacency. You call us to new places when our lives have grown stale and predictable. May your wisdom and light shine brightly within each of us and among us. May we be transformed and kept ever true to the holy plans and promises you set before us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\* RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER  
Musical Response

OFFERING INVITATION & COLLECTION

OFFERTORY

\* Doxology

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Almighty God, you are the source of all comfort and joy; the foundation of our strength and salvation. Receive these gifts as we dedicate them and ourselves anew unto you. Lead us in the way of true understanding and extravagant welcome. Grant to us your abiding love and merciful wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\* HYMN #395 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20

SUNDAY MESSAGE "Unhide Your Light"

\* HYMN #520 *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

\* BENEDICTION (Based on Psalm 119)

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.

**All: My lips pour forth praise. My tongue sings of your promise. Let your hand be ready to help me. I long for your salvation, O Lord. Let me live that I may serve you – today and every day. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*\*If you are able we invite you to stand*

## Announcements

**Thank you** to Jason Emmerson for leading our service today, while Pastor Jeff is at the Family of Faith Retreat.

**February Voice of Zion Newsletter** is available in the foyer, at back of sanctuary, and online at [zionlippe.org](http://zionlippe.org).

**See VOZ or website for calendar.**

**Choir practice** Wednesday 7 pm.

**Bake Sale for Operation Christmas Child** will be next Sunday, Feb 23. Collection items for February are brushes, combs, and other hair supplies. See Ashley Lashley if any questions about OCC.

Contact Brenda Bean if you can help with a donation for **Kairos**. See bulletin board for more info.

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Feb 26 at 7 pm.

**Men's Lenten Breakfast** – Sat. Feb 29 at Zion. Meal at 8 am, service at 9 am. Contact Carl Schmitz or Dwight Esche if you would like to help with the breakfast.

If you would like a **Giving Statement for 2019**, contact Council Treasurer or the church office. Please allow a few days time to receive your statement.

Salem Heusler has rescheduled their **Blood Drive** for Wed. Feb 26, 2-6 pm.

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### **Matthew 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.