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9:45 AM

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Guess Who?: Investigating Key Figures of the Bible
Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

C: You shall see and be radiant.

L: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

C: The Holy One will bless the people with peace.

L: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

C: The joy of the Lord is my strength.

L: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

C: God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

*GATHERING HYMN ELW # 417(see below)

In His Temple Now Behold Him

In His Temple Now Behold Him

Henry J. Pye, 1825

Henry T. Smart, 1813

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. In his tem-ple now be-hold him, see the long ex -
2. In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
3. Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
4. Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less

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- pec - ted Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
- hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en

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God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther

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his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of Grace,

ALL: you blow the breath of life into our lungs, you have formed us in your image. And yet we acknowledge that sometimes we are not who you would have us be. You challenge us to embrace the refining fire of your love, to meet you on the threshing floor of life, to be washed clean as with the strongest soap. But in our heart of hearts we would rather keep those things that separate us from you. Through your Grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are, Unrefined, unwashed, the chaff mixed in with the grain. Forgive us, and help us to move into a new way of being.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2237 FWS (vs. 1 & 2)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

ALL SING: As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame. So the church is meant for mission giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs but to build a bridge of care. We join hands across the nations finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers. We are vessels made of clay By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

GUESS WHO SCRIPTURE READING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

O Love of God

by Buckwalter

MISSION MOMENT: YWCA YORK

HYMN NO 25 NCH (black hymnal, see next page, vs. 1-3, 6) *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719

William Kroyt, 1708

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Piano 

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of our throne your
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our

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hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,
hope for years to come, Still be our God while

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storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
you are God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
as a dream fades at the o - pening day.
trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Shine Jesus Shine

by Kendrick

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN** (see next page)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

by Monk

References

¹The Call to Worship is a shorter adaptation from a longer liturgy by Seekers Church, a Christian community in the tradition of the Church of the Saviour and accessed for use with permission 2/3/25.

²The Prayer of Confession is written by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/> and accessed for use with permission 2/3/25. Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Jesse & Nancy Smith, Deb Barnes

Liturgist— Andrea Adams

Tech Team— Elaine Bevivino, Ron Miles

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to

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fol-low Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my
be with Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the

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world. The star of my life is Je - sus. In him there
path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a -

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- like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my

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heart, Lord Je - sus.