The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Prelude Consecration

Gathering—God's faithful love welcomes us here. Thank God for this glorious gift! God's faithful love redeems our lives. Thank God for our many blessings! God's faithful love is ours to share. We will offer this gift to God's world.~

**Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken, 35

Prayer— Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives...In joyous gratitude, we pray.~

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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 forever. Amen.

2025 Ministry Blessings

Ministry Team Commissioning

Care Team Service Team Faith Formation Worship Team

Fundraising Team Worship Tech Stewards

Kitchen Team Music Ministries (Choir and Bell Choir)

Pastor Parish Relations Fellowship Groups (Grief Support, Young

Prayer Chain Adults, Pairs and Spares, Golden Friends)

Scripture Readers

UCC Statement of Faith (see back of hymnal)

Zion United Church of Christ Mission Statement—United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Exploring Together—What do you think of when you hear "winter"?

We Hear God's Word—Psalm 36:5-10 (NRSVUE)

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Meditation Wintering

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, 72

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation— As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let's also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents, and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives.~

January Benevolence—Zion Emergency Assistance Fund

**Doxology

We Give Thanks—God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.~

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be, 466

Benediction—The dark and cold of winter may be long and hard at times, but even in the darkest of nights, the light of God shines. God's faithfulness abounds.

**A Choral Benediction

May the light of God shine on us today. May the light of God shine on us today. May it show us where to travel, Lead us back if we should stray. May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today. May the love of God live in us today. May the warmth we feel within us Show in all we do and say. May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today. May the peace of God be with us today. May it guide us and protect us As we go our separate ways, May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us, May the light of God shine on us today.

Postlude Andante Religioso

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