

The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** will be collected on **SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021.**

**Bring Your Own Theology Gathering IS IN RECESS UNTIL AFTER EASTER. We will RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 7:PM.** The Meeting ID# is **876 2695 1505** and the Passcode is **764342**.

**Current copies of *These Days*** are available in the Narthex.

**Food Pantry 2021:** The Mission Committee is busy making plans to open a Food Pantry for individuals and families who may need assistance. There is much to plan for and do. If you would like to contribute to the organizing efforts of getting this mission off the ground, please leave your donation in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Also, there is a donation container in Fellowship Hall.



**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

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**Zion’s United Church of Christ of Taborton**

**Service of the Worship of God**

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Hafidha F. Saadiqah, Pastor \* Mrs. Ronda Stevens, Board Moderator

Mr. Conor Frost, Pianist

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**ALL: Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

OPENING PRAYER

**\*** HYMN (p.5) *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* MARION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and CONFESSION

 L: Almighty God, you have set before us the path

but, we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

**P: Sometimes we are like toddlers**

**and we hear your call and come back.**

L: Other times, we are children testing boundaries,

ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back.

**P: And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,**

**demanding to be cut loose and set free,**

**not knowing how much we still need**

**seek your wisdom and guidance**.

L: But most of all, too often we think we are adults

and have figured it all out and know our own way,

only to stumble and stray so far.

**P: Remind us, parental God,**

**that we are always your children,**

**that we are never fully grown up in your sight,**

**that we always have much to learn.**

**ALL: Help us to seek you every day,**

**to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance,**

**and help us to return to the path and walk with you.**

**In the name of Christ,**

**who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray.** **Amen**.

~ by Rev Mindi

***\* Words of Assurance (*minister*)***

 ***\* Gloria Patri* (spoken)**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One!**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;**

 **World without end. Amen. Amen.**

***\*Offering Signs of Peace***

*INTERLUDE*

CHILDREN’S TIME

INVITATION to STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

***Doxology (*spoken)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

 **Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

 **Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication***

**Gracious God: Transform our simple gifts, that they may be an acceptable sacrifice of praise. And, transform our lives to reflect more deeply your will for righteousness and love in our world.  Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE (p. 3,4) Leviticus 19:1-18

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SERMON Rules for This World-House

*INTERLUDE*

\* HYMN (p.6) *In Christ There is No East or West* MCKEE

\* BENEDICTION

**Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought us to:
we will walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
we will walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
we will walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.**

~ by Joanna Harader

POSTLUDE

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***Today’s Scripture:***

 **Leviticus 19:1-18**

(Common English Bible)

  The Lord said to Moses, **2**Say to the whole community of the Israelites: You must be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy. **3**Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must keep my sabbaths; I am the Lord your God. **4**Do not turn to idols or make gods of cast metal for yourselves; I am the Lord your God. **5**When you sacrifice a communal sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it so that it will be accepted on your account. **6**It must be eaten on the day of your sacrifice or the following day; whatever is left over on the third day must be burned with fire. **7**If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is foul; it will not be accepted. **8**Anyone who eats it will be liable to punishment, because they defiled what is holy to the Lord. That person will be cut off from their people. **9**When you harvest your land’s produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don’t gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. **10**Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God.

**11**You must not steal nor deceive nor lie to each other. **12**You must not swear falsely by my name, desecrating your God’s name in doing so; I am the Lord. **13**You must not

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oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not withhold a hired laborer’s pay overnight. **14**You must not insult a deaf person or put some obstacle in front of a blind person that would cause them to trip. Instead, fear your God; I am the Lord.

**15**You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your fellow Israelites fairly. **16**Do not go around slandering your people. Do not stand by while your neighbor’s blood is shed;I am the Lord. **17**You must not hate your fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your fellow Israelite strongly, so you don’t become responsible for his sin.**18**You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

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***THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!***

***Join us for Coffee Hour***



﻿ ***in***

***Fellowship Hall***

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***HYMNS FOR THE LORD’S DAY***

**REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART**

HYMN TUNE: MARION

TEXT: Edward H. Plumptre

1. Rejoice, you pure in heart;

lift praises to the sky;

Your festal banner wave with joy,

the cross of Christ raise high!

 ***REFRAIN:*** **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

1. Bright youth and seasoned age,

strong souls and spirits meek,

Raise high your free, exulting song,

God’s wondrous praises speak.

 ***REFRAIN:*** **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

1. Yes, on through life’s long path,

Still chanting as we go,

From youth to age, by night and day,

In gladness and in woe:

 ***REFRAIN:*** **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

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**IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST**

HYMN TUNE: MCKEE

TEXT: I Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:38; Eph. 2:14:22

1. In Christ there is no East or West,

in Christ no South or North;

 But one community of love

 throughout the whole wide earth.

1. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere

their high communion find;

God’s service is the golden cord

close-binding humankind.

1. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,

and neither slave nor free;

For men and women live in God,

and all are kin to me.

1. In Christ now meet both East and West,

in Christ meet South and North;

One joyous, true community

throughout the whole wide earth.

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