

# West Walworth Zion United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 12, 2012, 9:30 a.m.  
... Welcome Home to Zion! Epiphany 6B

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

Psalm 30

We, your faithful people,  
Sing praise to you, God.

**We give thanks to your Holy Name.**

May my soul praise you and not be silent.

**We give thanks to your Holy Name.**

I was sad and you made me want to dance!

**We give thanks to your Holy Name, forever.**

We come from our scattered lives to this place

To seek our unity in the Spirit,

To seek the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

To seek the peace of God the creator.

**God's people have gathered;**

**Let us worship God together!**

**+Opening Hymn** "Joy Comes with the Dawn" No. 2210

## Word

**First Scripture Lesson** 2 Kings 5:1-14

**Anthem** "Let All the People Praise Thee"

**Children's Sermon**

**Epistle Scripture Lesson** I Corinthians 9:24-27

**Hymn** "O Lord, You're Beautiful" No. 2064

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:40-45

**Sermon** "Marginal Living"

## Table

### Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

If we're honest, compassion does not come easy to us, God;

We see, or we choose not to see, others who struggle;

those without homes, or food;

those dying from curable diseases, simply because they can't get  
access to the medicine they need;

those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance, and  
long for human companionship;

those who are persecuted and judged because of their differences;  
those who are facing the awful consequence of bad choices they  
have made; and those who must live with the consequences of  
choices that others make that impact their lives;

**It all just feels like it's too much, and there's nothing we can  
do. But, we know that's not true – we know that compassion  
is enough; that when we allow ourselves to feel, compassion  
will lead us to do what we can, and that this will make a  
difference.**

And so, we pray first for ourselves:

**that you would soften our hearts,  
and still our fears,  
and lead us into those acts of compassion  
that we are capable of doing.**

And then we pray for all of these others

**whose lives can be changed  
through small, simple acts of care;  
that you would disturb us, and others like us,  
until we finally step up and play our part  
in the saving of your world;  
and that enough of us would answer your call,  
that the needs of the hurting ones may be met.**

*(Written by John van de Laar)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** As the man with leprosy, considered  
unclean by society, was made clean by a touch and a word from  
Jesus, so we are cleansed from all unrighteousness through belief in  
him. Friends, believe and live the good news: In Jesus Christ we  
are loved, we are cleansed, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Prayers of the People

#### Offering/Offertory

**+ Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All..." No. 94

#### The Lord's Prayer

**+Hymn** "I'll Fly Away" No. 2282

#### +Benediction

Go into the world knowing that your life has been blessed by the  
great mercy of God, touched by the compassionate love of Jesus  
Christ, cleansed by the penetrating power of the Holy Spirit. Go in  
peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

**+Response** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" No. 2281

#### +Postlude

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+ Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold print signifies a congregational response.**

**Zion's Birthdays:** 2/15 - Jayden Hodgkins-Reyome, 2/16 - Sierra Welker, 2/26 - John Welker and Paul Boyd, Jr., 2/28 - William Bilyk. 3/2 - Jennifer Plotzker, 3/4 - Steve Goddard, 3/17 - Jason Gregoire, 3/19- Lida Merrill, 3/22 - Ryan LeMay, 3/25 - Betsey Welker, 3/28 - Paul Pfeiffer. 4/5 - Bailey Welker, 4/12 - Deb Germain, 4/13 - Kay Polis, 4/19 - Dick Giles and Michael Smith, 4/20 - Darwin Welker, 4/21 - Bill Boyd, 4/23 - Andrew Johnston and Jason Saxton, 4/27 - Kyle Brown. *Happy Birthday, all!*

### Upcoming Parish Events

- TODAY: Confirmation Class, 6:00 PM
- 2/15 Walworth Council of Churches, 12:30 PM
- 2/18 Quilting Ministries, 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

### **Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.



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**Zion's Vision:  
"An Energetic and Caring Community of Faith  
Growing in Christ  
and Serving in the World."**

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Welcome - We are glad you are here!

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