

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

March 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of E.O. and Ina Davis by the Baker Family.

A Time of Gathering

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Ida Menold, Lector

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Iris Wentling, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"Broken Vessels"
(CCLI#7019974)

Joel Houston and Jonas Martin, arr. by Shackley

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Psalm 19:7-9

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ida Menold, Lector

Leader: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

People: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

Leader: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

People: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Leader: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

People: Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (bulletin page 5)

A Time of Prayer

LITANY OF CONFESSION

- Leader: God of all Good Gifts, you call us to be generous people; but instead, we covet what others have.
- People: Forgive our selfish ways, and teach us to give.**
- Leader: God of Perfection, you call us to be honest in all we say and do; but instead, we tell lies that hurt our neighbors.
- People: Forgive our deceitful ways, and teach us to speak the truth in love..**
- Leader: God of Benevolence, you call us to provide for those in need; but instead, we swindle and steal.
- People: Forgive our double-dealing ways, and teach us to share.**
- Leader: God of the Covenant, you call us to be faithful in our relationships with others; but instead, we are disloyal.
- People: Forgive our adulterous ways, and teach us to honor our commitments.**
- Leader: God of Creation, you call us to value the lives of others; but instead, we work to destroy those who are different and annihilate those with whom we disagree.
- People: Forgive our murderous ways, and teach us to seek reconciliation and peace.**
- Leader: God of our Ancestors, you call us to respect those who have gone before us; but instead, we dismiss the wisdom of our elders.
- People: Forgive our impertinent ways, and teach us to be humble.**
- Leader: God of Time and Space, you call us to recognize creation’s dependence on you; but instead, we work without pausing to reflect or give thanks.
- People: Forgive our ungrateful ways, and teach us to both receive and provide times of holy rest.**
- Leader: God of the Sacred Name, you call us to hold your name in reverence; but instead, we vainly attach your name to every personal, political, and religious agenda we promote.
- People: Forgive our arrogant ways, and teach us to submit to your authority.**
- Leader: God of Limitless Possibilities, you call us to celebrate your Unbounded Spirit; but instead, we try to define who you are and make you to be something we can manage.
- People: Forgive our small-mindedness and idol-making ways, and teach us to imagine.**
- Leader: God of Deliverance and Might, you call us to devote ourselves to you; but instead, we abandon you for lesser gods.
- People: Forgive our wandering ways, and teach us to love and follow you alone. Hear our prayers....**

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF ASSURANCE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (bulletin page 6)
(sing straight through-do not repeat)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Journey to Calvary

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

**I need you every hour, in faith or fear,
Temptations lose their power when you are near.
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.**

Dwelling in the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20:1-17 New International Version (NIV)

20 And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

SPECIAL MUSIC “They Could Not” Ron Harris and Claire Cloninger; Gary Hallquist
 Ruth Herrick, Soprano (CCLI#70606)

SERMON *Above the Law*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

May we give generously on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. You may drop off your offering in the office, mail your gift, use a bank bill pay service or use the “give” button on the website. Thank you for your continued support of Zion’s ministries.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS (Based on a service written by Alexander H. Wales)

During Lent, we remember the events that led Jesus to his crucifixion. He had come into the world to bring hope and light, but at every turn there were those who sought to extinguish that light. Like the Advent Wreath and our Christmas Eve service, the circle of gathering darkness created by the candles and the crown of thorns serves as a constant reminder of the role of human sin in bringing about the crucifixion and the need for Resurrection.

RESPONSE IN SONG “Savior, When in Tears and Dust” (verse one only) (bulletin page 7)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE “Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated” arr. by Mark Hayes
 (CCLI#5471629)

MEDITATION: Pat Robertson

The Ten Commandments are the most visible symbol because these commandments are recognized by Christians and Jews alike as being the foundation of our system of public morality.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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William Kethe, 1561

Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

Ps. 100



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
 3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
 4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose
 out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose
 fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us
 joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times
 praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.
 all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
 God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Old Hundredth is perhaps the best known and most widely used of all psalm tunes. It came into English use in 1561 with Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 100 and has been associated with it ever since.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
 Attrib. to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561)
 Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551



WORDS: Based on Psalm 51:10-12

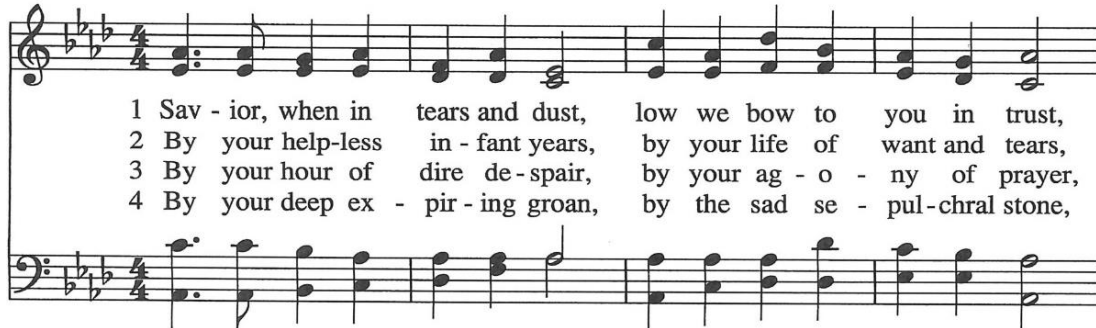
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Savior, When in Tears and Dust

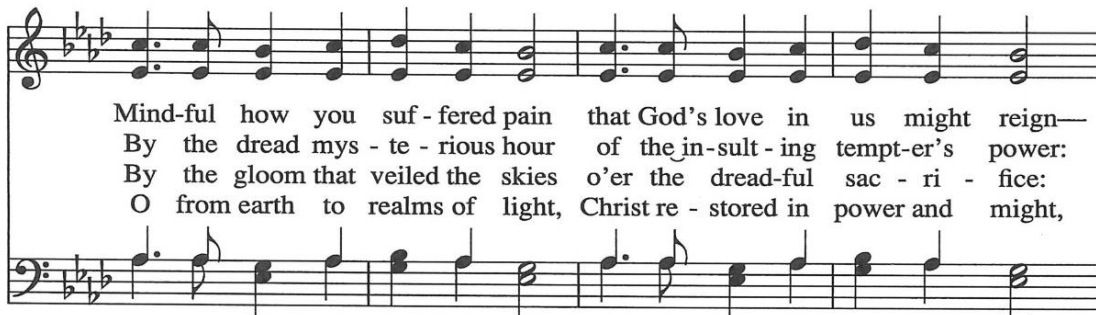
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Robert Grant, 1815; alt.


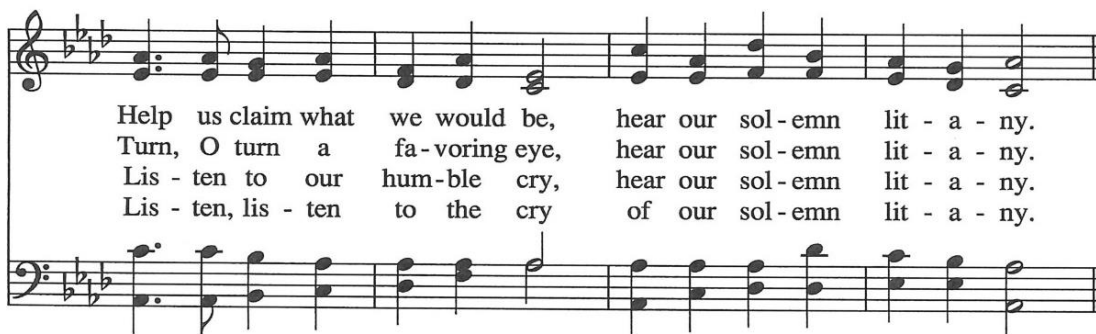
1 Sav - ior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,
 2 By your help-less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



When re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,
 By your days of sore dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 By the vault whose cold a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God:



Mind - ful how you suf - fered pain that God's love in us might reign—
 By the dread mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's power:
 By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice:
 O from earth to realms of light, Christ re - stored in power and might,



Help us claim what we would be, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Lis - ten, lis - ten to the cry of our sol - emn lit - a - ny.

Robert Grant—English lawyer, member of Parliament, advocate general, humanitarian, and author of a number of significant hymns—was born in India. He returned near the end of his life to become governor of Bombay.

Tune: SPANISH HYMN 7.7.7.7.D.
 Traditional melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Lent we will hold Worship/Bible Study in the sanctuary and will live stream on FB at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings, March 10, March 17 and March 24.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on March 14. You may mail your gift to the church anytime.

Through our donations to The Good Shepherd Center, they are able to provide a special Easter meal for 350 families.



WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DONATE

KNORR'S PASTA OR RICE SIDE DISHES

Please bring your donations to the church by March 19.

NEXT SUNDAY - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

