

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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

We welcome Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard to the pulpit today. Thank you for being here!

Ushering today are Teri Swartzbeck, Chris Stockner, Karen Galus and Linda Henry.

Children are invited to the Youth Center for an activity after the Children's Sermon.

Everyone is welcome to the Anderson Lounge after the service for snacks and refreshments.

Large Print Bulletins and children's activity books are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Next week we welcome Rev. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Tim grew up in Greenville and Zion's Church and graduated from GHS in 1967. His parents were Emery and Helen Morrison. He received his MDiv from United Theological Seminary and DMin from Andover Newton Theological School and has served in various UCC congregations.



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, March 9: Consistory at 5:30

Wednesday, March 9, March 16, March 23 and March 30: The Chosen from 6:00-8:00 in the chapel.

Sunday, March 13 and March 27: Rev. Tim Morrison will lead the service.

Tuesday, March 15: Ministry of Service and Missions meeting at 6:00.

Sunday, March 20: Rev. Dr Scott Graubard will lead the service and Don Curtis will lead music.

Tuesday, March 22: The Executive Committee of The Good Shepherd Center will meet at 7:00.

Sunday, March 27: The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected and the Prayer Chain will meet.

THE CHOSEN



A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracized from his family and people. In this ground-breaking first season of *The Chosen* see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

For our Wednesday Evening Lenten Program we will watch the TV series called *The Chosen*, which is a series about the life of Jesus Christ.

The series will be shown in the Chapel from 6:00-8:00 for 4 weeks beginning Wednesday, March 9.

Everyone is welcome!
Please feel free to bring a snack.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

March 6, 2022 10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Danielle Powell, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

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 LIGHT

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "Lead Me, Lord" Samuel Wesley/Robert Thygerson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this, the first Sunday of Lent, let us turn our hearts to Jesus Christ.

People: We will meditate on Christ's sacrifice and love, so we may know the joy of His victory!

Leader: Let us seek the Lord, our God, with whom all things are possible.

People: O Lord, our hearts are filled with awe when we remember the Cross and your love for us.

*HYMN NO. 205 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

***RESPONSIVE LITANY - Repentance**

Leader: During Lent, we reflect on our sins and the meaning of repentance.

People: **Repentance is our response to God's boundless grace.**

Leader: We look for clear direction and firm guidance from God.

People: **Repentance is turning from darkness and walking in the light.**

Leader: We strive to become people who are more loving and less self-serving.

People: **Repentance is taking responsibility for our actions.**

Leader: We seek forgiveness and place our faith in God's mercy.

People: **Repentance is trusting God's eternal grace and steadfast love.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, both in our deeds and in our inaction. We have forgotten your teachings and have loved ourselves more than our neighbor. Through your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Open us to change and growth. Give to us an experience of grace that lifts our burdens from us and enables us to live rich, joyful lives for the good of others, and for your kingdom. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of
love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
teach us the wis-dom of God.

~you may be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Living For Jesus" Chisolm/Lowden

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 26:36-46

SERMON "Is There No Other Way?" Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Prayer Song" Colin Curtis

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 219 "Journey to Gethsemane

*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Bennett/Gabriel