



Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter?

The flowers are \$9.50/Ea. and can be purchased "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one.

NAME _____

QUANTITY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Flower orders are due by March 27. Please drop off form in the office or place in the offering plate.

Flowers can be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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MY GOD, MY GOD,

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



*Welcome to Zion's
Reformed
Church.*

We're glad you're here!

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Scott Graubard to the pulpit. Don Curtis will lead the hymns and provide special music. Thank you both for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Charles and Betty Donner on their anniversary, by their children Jane, David, Connie and Daniel.

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.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, March 22: The GSC Executive Board will meet at 7:00 and the Full Board will meet on April 5 at 7:00.

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

March 27: Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will lead the service, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and the Prayer Chain will meet.

The first meeting of the Friends and Fellowship Group will meet Wednesday, April 6 at 2:00 in the Anderson Lounge. Cynthia Snyder and Elaine Wilkins will provide a dessert. Please watch your bulletin and newsletter for program information.

Rev. Glenn Sadler will lead the Palm Sunday and Easter Services.

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service is April 14 at 7:00 in the sanctuary.

The Sunday School children will sing on Palm Sunday.

Holy Communion will be served on Easter Sunday.



LOVE brings you home!

The OGHS offering will be collected on March 27. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.

The Good Shepherd Center request for the Easter Distribution bags are:

- 15 Easter Coloring Kits
- 100 Cans of Fruit
- 100 Boxes of Dessert cake mix/brownie mix

Items can be placed in the barrels at the front and rear entrances to the church and are due by March 28.

GSC hopes to fill 275 bags with Easter dinner items!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Lent, the Adult Sunday School class will be following the theme, *“Meeting Jesus Again”*. Adults of all ages are invited to gather in Anderson Lounge at 9:15 each Sunday. Pastor Glenn will be facilitating these gatherings.

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 20, 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

Ann Fowler, 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“But Christ showed his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” -Romans 5:8

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

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

PRELUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Fowler, Lector

Leader: Our God is a forgiving God, pardoning our sins.

People: Our God is a caring God, leading us in green pastures and beside still waters.

Leader: Our God is generous, giving us every good gift.

People: Our God is a loving God, who calls us to share His love with the world. Yes! Our God is worthy of our praise!

*HYMN "Worthy of Worship"

Used by permission CCL15046 *You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. Revelation 4:11*

1. Wor - thy of wor - ship, wor - thy of praise, Wor - thy of hon - or and
2. Wor - thy of rev - erence, wor - thy of fear, Wor - thy of love and de -
3. Al - might - y Fa - ther, Mas - ter and Lord, King of all kings and Re -

glo - ry; Wor - thy of all the glad songs we can sing, Wor - thy of
vo - tion; Wor - thy of bow - ing and bend - ing of knees, Wor - thy of
deem - er, Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Friend, Sav - ior and

Refrain

all of the off - rings we bring.
all this and add - ed to these... You are wor - thy, Fa - ther, Cre -
Source of our life with - out end;

a - tor. You are wor - thy, Sav - ior, Sus - tain - er. You are wor - thy,

wor - thy and won - der - ful; Wor - thy of wor - ship and praise.

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.

Psalm 22:1-21

¹ [1] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. [2] ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. [3] ⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. ⁸ "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. ¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. ¹⁵ My mouth [4] is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce [5] my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. ¹⁹ But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me. ²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Ann Fowler, Lector

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before you today in awe and in wonder! We admit we have sinned against you. Forgive us O Lord and have mercy on us. Strengthen us when we are weak; encourage us when we have despaired; and help us up when we have faltered. By your holy grace and love, deliver us from all evil and that which can even cause us to doubt your very existence. Fill our hearts with faith to serve as you move us closer to our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has been faithful through generations.

People: In God's love, we are made whole.

Leader: In God's mercy, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Whitworth

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Matthew 27:27-47 (bulletin page 7)
Psalm 22:1-21 (bulletin page 8)

SERMON "Leave No Man Behind" Dr. Scott Graubard

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Mercies Numberless" G.F. Handel

*Doxology No. 780

*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. 207 "Just As I Am"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Sarabande" G.F. Handel

Matthew 27:27-47

27Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. **28**They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, **29**and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. **30**They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. **31**After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. **33**They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). **34**There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. **35**When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. **36**And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. **37**Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39**Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads **40**and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" **41**In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. **42**"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **43**He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" **44**In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

45From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. **46**About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, ^εlemasabachthani?*" (which means "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*"). ^d

47When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."