

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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*We're glad you're here!*

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison back to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Frances McClimans, by Ann and Family.

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.

Today is the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Envelopes are in the pew racks for your gifts.

Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal<sup>[a]</sup> to this day.

<sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after<sup>[b]</sup> they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**15** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.



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.

#### APRIL SCHEDULE

April 3: Rev. Scott Graubard

April 10: Rev. Glenn Sadler (Palm Sunday)

April 17: Rev. Glenn Sadler (Easter Sunday w/Holy Communion)

April 24: Rev. Scott Graubard

## ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

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

March 27, 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 Sue Nicklin, Lector

#### THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: Many are the torments of the ungodly; but unfailing love enfolds those who trust in God. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. (Psalm 32:10-11)

Meditation: *The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active, and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy. You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have faith in God.*  
-Martin Luther

#### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

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

PRELUDE "Worthy is the Lamb" arr. by Mary McDonald

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 32) Sue Nicklin, Lector

Leader: Happy are those who experience the grace of God

**People: Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.**

Leader: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God

**People: Who find peace even in times of trial.**

Leader: Happy are those who experience rest in God

**People: Who find Sabbath to renew their spirit.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**People: The proof of God's amazing love is this:**

Leader: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

**People: Because we have faith in Jesus, we dare to approach God in confidence.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we acknowledge the moments when our actions and decisions do not take into consideration the well-being of our neighbors. There are times when our reactions turn inward instead of building healthy reconciliation. We confess that our implicit and explicit biases restrict your grace and radical love. Urge us to be life-giving agents of your love. May each of our steps during Lent be healing - not only to us, but to all those whom we encounter. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God our Holy and Divine Parent runs towards us with infinite love and grace.

**People: May the mercy we experience transform our hearts, our minds, and our souls.**

Leader: Embrace God's grace and love as we reach out to our Divine Parent.

**People: Praise and thanks be to God who forgives us and sets us free.**

## THE CHOSEN



Our final Wednesday Evening Lenten Program is Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 in the chapel. We will watch the final two episodes of the TV series called The Chosen, which is a series about the life of Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome!

Please feel free to bring a snack.

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## **FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP**

will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 in the Anderson Lounge.

OUR PURPOSE.....

- Connect (or re-connect) with your church friends.
- Raise awareness about organizations and service groups and opportunities to serve in our area.
  - Enjoy a dessert or snack together.

**The first gathering is April 6**



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 TODAY. Please drop off form in the office or place in the offering plate.

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

\*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 "Those Strange Things in the Chancel Arch"

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Joshua 5: 9-12  
 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32  
 (bulletin pages 11 and 12)

SERMON "Who Is the Target Market?" Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "El-Shaddai" John Thompson/Howard Hill

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (bulletin page 7)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "Mighty to Save" Bethany K. Smith

# Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

... I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus ... —Philippians 3:8

William H. Parker

*Unison or duet*

STORIES OF JESUS  
Frederic A. Challinor

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes.

1 Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
 2 *First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee,*  
 3 In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a bass clef and a 6/8 time signature. The accompaniment consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

1 Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here:  
 2 *I shall im - ag - ine His bless - ing Rest - ing on me;*  
 3 Wav - ing a branch of the palm - tree High in my hand;

Musical notation for the fourth system, featuring a bass clef and a 6/8 time signature. The accompaniment continues with quarter and eighth notes.

Musical notation for the fifth system, featuring a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

1 Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,  
 2 *Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,*  
 3 One of His her - als, Yes, I would sing

Musical notation for the sixth system, featuring a bass clef and a 6/8 time signature. The accompaniment continues with quarter and eighth notes.

Musical notation for the seventh system, featuring a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

1 Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.  
 2 *All in the bright - ness Of Je - sus' face.*  
 3 Loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

Musical notation for the eighth system, featuring a bass clef and a 6/8 time signature. The accompaniment concludes with quarter and eighth notes.