

Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord
Teach
us to
Pray

Luke 11:1



*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed Church
We're glad you're here!*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Betty Altany, by Donna Bresnan and Diane and Jerry Stoyer and sons.

The flowers on the organ are in honor of Michael and Lori Roknick's 33rd Wedding Anniversary, July 22, 1989.

Ushering this month are Karen Galus, Pat Seiple, and Dan Douthett.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for refreshments.

Church Happening is not held in the summer. All children are encouraged to stay for the entire service.

The time for Vacation Bible School has changed. It will be from 2:00-3:30 tomorrow through Friday.

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

Next Sunday the Prayer Chain will meet at 10:00 in the chapel.

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing in your heart and give Him

praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks -

giv-ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise.

Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to

Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Shenandoah" American Folk Song

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "He" Traditional

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.

July 24, 2022 10:30 a.m.

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

MEDITATION: *To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing.* -Martin Luther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Stockner, 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

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Sicilienne" Maria-Theresa Von Paradis

*GATHERING SONG "Come Into His Presence" (page 7)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of love, we ask you to teach us to pray.

People: Let our gratitude be prayer to you.

Leader: Let our lives be our prayer to you.

People: And let this, our worship, bring you praise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 86 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We entrust ourselves to you, God, Creator of all that is and all that is to come.

People: You showed us your forgiveness, that we might forgive others.

Leader: We entrust ourselves to you that your love may take root in our hearts.

People: We open our hearts to your Holy Presence.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God we confess we have not lived the lives of your beloved children. We have not held your holy presence at the center of our lives. We have submitted to this world's empires. We have starved ourselves of your grace; neglecting your forgiveness, we have not been forgiving. Heal us, forgive us, and restore us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

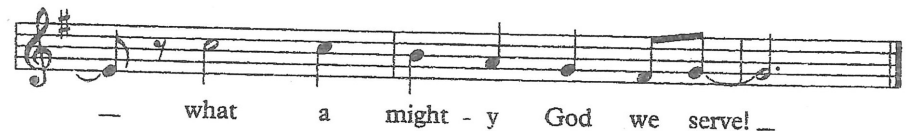
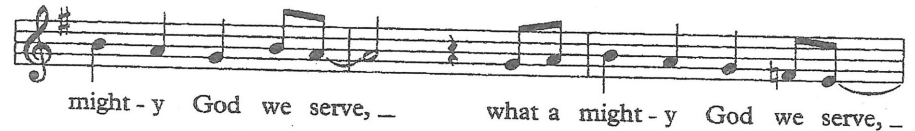
Leader: You give us each day our daily bread;

People: You give us each moment the breath we need.

Leader: We open our hearts to your holy presence.

People: May your realm of love blossom in our hearts.

***A SONG OF PRAISE "What a Mighty God We Serve"**



2. Let us sing and praise the Lord ...
3. Let us shout and praise God's name ...

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Let's Talk about Prayer"

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 18:20-32 (back of bulletin)

Luke 11:1-13 (insert)

SERMON

"A Revolutionary Manifesto"