

Hebrew Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 and 2:18-23

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

<sup>18</sup> I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup> And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup> So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup> For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup> What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup> All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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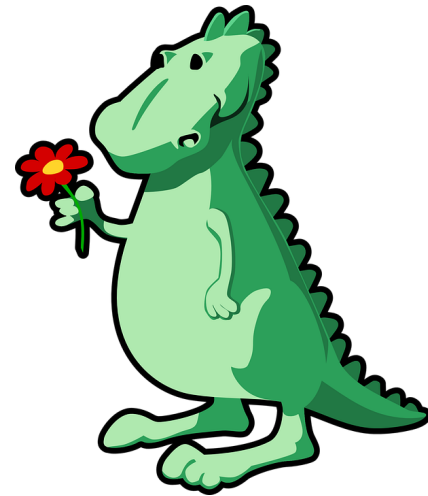
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## TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS



## IN A BIG WAY!



## 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 our husband and father Don Bresnan, by Donna Bresnan and Diane Stoyer.

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

The children who participated in Vacation Bible School this past week will provide special music today and they will also sing the Gathering Song.

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

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for refreshments and an activity.

"TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS"

If you see your brother standing by the road  
With a heavy load from the seeds he sowed  
And if you see your sister falling by the way  
Just stop and say you're goin' the wrong way

*Refrain:* **You've got to try a little kindness,  
show a little kindness,  
just shine your light for everyone to see.  
And if you try a little kindness  
then you'll overlook the blindness  
of the narrow minded people  
on their narrow minded streets**

Don't walk around the down and out,  
lend a helping hand instead of doubt.  
And the kindness that you show every day  
will help someone along their way

*Refrain:*

O Christ, you call us to new birth  
like God's creation of the earth,  
to leave the things we're fastened on  
and walk into the rising dawn.

O loving Spirit, live in me.  
Forgive our sin and set us free.  
Give us new birth, life from above,  
that we may live in your deep love.

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Terry Kirkland

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Thank you to all the children who participated in VBS this past week and special thanks to all the helpers, Sherry Winner, Lynn Rinella, Debbie Frerotte, Julie Hills, Valarie Suntheimer, Linda Allison, Brianna Sulecki, Charlotte Fenton, and DJ Suntheimer.



**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 31, 2022 10:30 a.m.

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

MEDITATION: *"Be careful then, how you live - not as unwise but  
as wise, making the most of every opportunity... Therefore,  
do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*  
-Ephesians 5: 15-17

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Josie Harbaugh, 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 Emily Rinella, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "A Prayer for Peace" Lani Smith

GATHERING SONG "Walking with Jesus" (VBS children and staff)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Josie Harbaugh

Leader: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

**People: We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

**People: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 558 "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Generous God, you give us abundant life.

**People: Gentle Christ, you heal us in mercy and grace.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you breathe your song of beauty in us.

**People: Triune God, hear our words of confession.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, you have given us all good things. We call to mind those times we have let go of the goods and values of this world and clung to your love alone. But we also remember those times we have clung to the goods and values of this world as if they were ours, as if they were us. We confess our misguided ways and we ask for your forgiveness. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of mercy bends toward God's children with love and hope.

**People: The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths.**

Leader: God nourishes our hunger for the newness of life.

**People: In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly and we are forgiven.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC BY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN

The children will sing "Try a Little Kindness" once. Please join us for the second time through. The words are on page 7.

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "A Special Gift"

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

Hebrew Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 and 2:18-23

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

SERMON "Chasing After the Wind While Building Silos"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Prayer" Robert Lau

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Always New"

Words written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and are rooted in a contemplative, Creation-centered, justice-oriented spirituality.

O God, you make us always new.

Each breath we breathe is life from you,

a gift of love that sets us free.

Beloved, breathe new life in me.