

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its walls, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Luke 12:49-56

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

# WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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## GRAPE EXPECTATIONS





*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!

Thank you, Ruth Herrick, for providing special music today and singing one of the congregation's favorite Christmas songs!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my parents, my brother Don Dart, my sister Genevra McGuffy and my wife Mary Ellen, by Paul Dart.

Ushering this month are Elaine Wilkins, Carol Herrick, John Enterline, and Vanessa Saylor.

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

There is no Church Happening in the summer. Children are encouraged to stay for the entire service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory will meet Wednesday, August 17 at 6:00 pm.

A meal will be served at The Good Shepherd Center on Monday, August 22. If you would like to volunteer to help, please notify Andrea Colaiaco at 724-813-5748. Brownies and rolls needed too!

The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Thursday, September 1 at 7:00. All singers welcome! Future rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

Rally Day is September 11! Classes begin for elementary students and adults at 9:15.

The Good Shepherd Center  
request for AUGUST is



PASTA SAUCE  
AND/OR  
PASTA



He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah G.F. Handel

## 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.

August 14, 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 Anita 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

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Sophie Powell, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Rest" (from Steve Green's "Joy to the World")  
arr. by Bernadine W. Johnson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Anita Powell

Leader: In a world uprooted at every turn, we come  
before God for renewal.

**People: Our hope and weariness are mixed together,  
but we come, trusting ancient promises.**

Leader: God who led the people out of Egypt, will lead us  
as well.

**People: May our lives be formed for faithfulness by God  
who is always faithful.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 345 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come to you, Loving God, and ask you to form a new song of soul within us.

**People: Plant us deep in the soil of your love.**

Leader: Grant us grace to trust your promised presence already meeting us here and now in this time of worship.

**People: Grant us with a renewed strength of heart, as we confess our sins to you.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You call us “to give justice to the weak and the orphan; to maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.” We confess we easily overlook or ignore Your command. We are uprooted by our own inaction, selfishness, and fear. Re-root our hearts, our minds, and our lives in the soil of Your forgiving love. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The ancient promise of God proclaimed again and again throughout history still rings true.

**People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God, made known to us in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: God forgives us. We can trust God for this truth.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY “Christmas Carols in August”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Mary Did You Know?” Ruth Herrick, soloist

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 (back of bulletin)

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56

SERMON “Toxic Christianity”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “When Jesus Was a Tiny Baby” B. Johnson

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your creation. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come,**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let every heart prepare him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing,**

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**And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns.**

**Let men their songs employ,**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat, Repeat, the sounding joy.**