

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" ¹⁴Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Luke 15:1-10

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

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

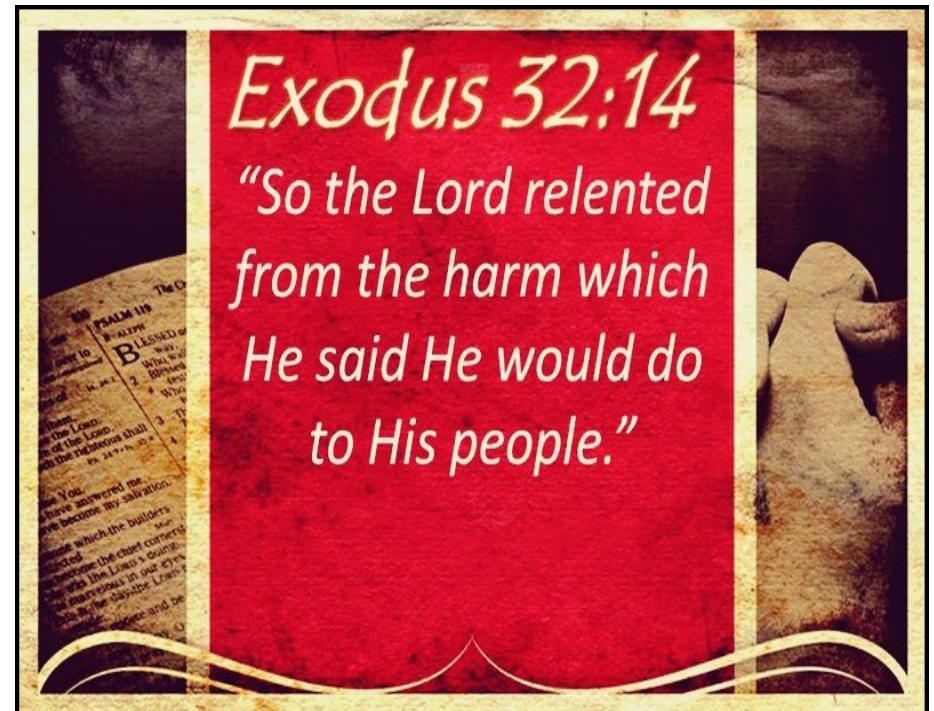
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RALLY DAY

*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!

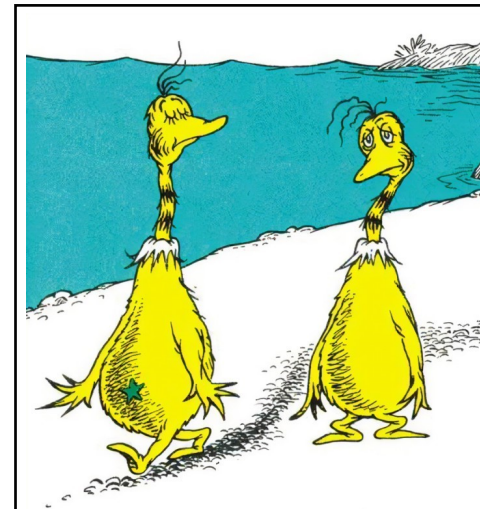
Today is Rally Day and we welcome children and adults back to Sunday School after the summer break. The adult class meets in the Anderson Lounge at 9:15 and everyone is welcome to attend. The elementary children (Preschool-Sixth) meet in the Youth Center, also at 9:15.

The Altar "Stars" are placed in celebration of Rally Day as a reminder that we are all **STARS** in the eyes of God. As written in Psalm 139:14, "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well."

Ushering today are Linda Allison, Teri Swartzbeck, Dan Douthett and Carol Saal.

After the presentation of the Bibles, the children are welcome to go to the Youth Center for an activity.

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



THE STORY OF THE SNEETCHES

The Sneetches are large yellow birds who have grouped themselves into two separate groups according to if they have stars on their bellies or not. Those with stars think they are better, and

the sneetches without stars wish to be like the others. With the help of a con-man named Sylvester McMonkey McBean, the Sneetches finally learn that they are all the best sneetches on the beaches.

**I AM SPECIAL
TO GOD!**



SOUP/SALAD AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 in the Anderson Lounge.

We will use the following questions as a basis for discussion. The results of these small group discussions will assist the Search Committee in their search for a pastor.

- Does the worship service meet your faith needs?
- What element of worship is most important to you? Music, Prayers, Sermon, Children's Sermon, other?
- What do you think is the reason for lower church attendance?
- What additions/changes would you like to see in our Christian Education programs, for adults and children.
- Describe the characteristics in a minister that you value.
- Describe the style and content of preaching that you value.
- What are your thoughts on our current relationship with the wider church (UCC).
- Are you familiar with church autonomy and what that means for our congregation?

SOUP AND SALAD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF WELCOMING AND FELLOWSHIP.

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.

RALLY DAY

September 11, 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 Vikki Young, 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 "Rise and Rejoice" Franklin Ritter

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vikki Young

Leader: Come before God not leaving the world behind, but drawing it into the Sacred Presence.

People: We gather on this day of remembrance and lamentation, to praise and pray, to mourn and repent.

Leader: Come before God with hearts open to the Holy One and arms open to our neighbors.

People: We gather on this day to proclaim our allegiance to God and to follow in the risky way of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Praise be to God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose steadfast love never ceases!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 610 "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come before God, asking God to look with compassion upon us.

People: We come before God to ask God to free us from all sin that our hearts and hands may be made clean.

Leader: We ask God to break down the walls we build to separate and divide us.

People: Let us together ask God to forgive us our faults and sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Creator God, with the breath of your word, you formed this world good, but we have perverted your providence. Lord in your mercy,

People: Make us new.

Leader: You made us to hunger after you, but we have become captive to selfish desires. We turn our eyes from those who are in need. Lord in your mercy,

People: Make us new.

Leader: You made us to be in communion with one another, yet we're so afraid of others' expectations that we shut them out before they can get too near. Lord in your mercy,

People: Make us new.

Leader: Basically, Lord, we want to be in charge, and we want it all, the way we want it, when we want it. Lord in your mercy,

People: Make us new.

Leader: You alone have the power to break our bondage to sin.

People: Forgive us, O Lord.

ALL: Cover us with your compassion, and refashion us in your image. This we pray through Christ, our only hope. Amen.

PATRIOT'S DAY DEDICATION

Today at 1:00 at the Graul Amphitheater, the Restore Riverside Park committee will honor service organizations who support our community and dedicate a flag pole in memory of Major Ryan Nicklin. The public is welcome to attend.

IMMERSE CLASS

The Immerse Bible Study class will begin Tuesday, September 13 at 11:00 and will meet in the Jackson Conference Room. Books are in the church office. If you have not signed up, but would like to participate, please see Julie.

CONSISTORY MEETING

Consistory will meet Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 in the Jackson Conference Room.

BAPTISM

Baptism will be held next Sunday, September 18. Bennett Rowland Wilkerson, son of Ashley Malson and James Wilkerson will be baptized. If there are others who are interested in baptism, please notify the church office.

Here I Am, Lord

"Whom shall I send?" I said, "Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Keyrain Harmony optional

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You

lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us.

People: We are forgiven; we are made whole. Amen.

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

RALLY DAY PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Debbie Frerotte

Alexis Leeann Baker

Sophie Powell

Sydney Powell

Zoey Sulecki

Giovanni Menold

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Will Sing Praise"

Joseph M. Martin

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and GOD'S PEOPLE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Confident in the knowledge that God comforts and lifts up those who call on the name of the Lord, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need. For the gift of life, O Lord, we give you thanks. Infuse us with your light, and make us vehicles of that life-giving light. O God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who live with fear, anxiety and uncertainty, comfort and strengthen them. We pray that they may know the healing power of your love. O God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of nations and all who are in positions of political authority, that they may hear your voice above all others and act in such a way that brings about healing and reconciliation.
O God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who mourn and wonder, "O God, where were you?". May they know your presence and see how you use something that was meant for evil to bring about something that can be used for good. O God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our enemies, the ones for whom we would rather not pray, and for ourselves; lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred and revenge, give us courage to overcome our fears and build bridges, that we may stand before you reconciled through Christ our Lord.
O God of mercy,

People: Hear our 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 Exodus 32:7-14
Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10
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SERMON "Love Wins"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Holy Ground" Davis/Tornquist

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

We give you these our gifts and offerings. With it we give our whole selves to You. Receive and bless it and use it for Your realm and Your glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" (bulletin page 8)

*BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Celebration" David Paxton