

Joel 2:23-32

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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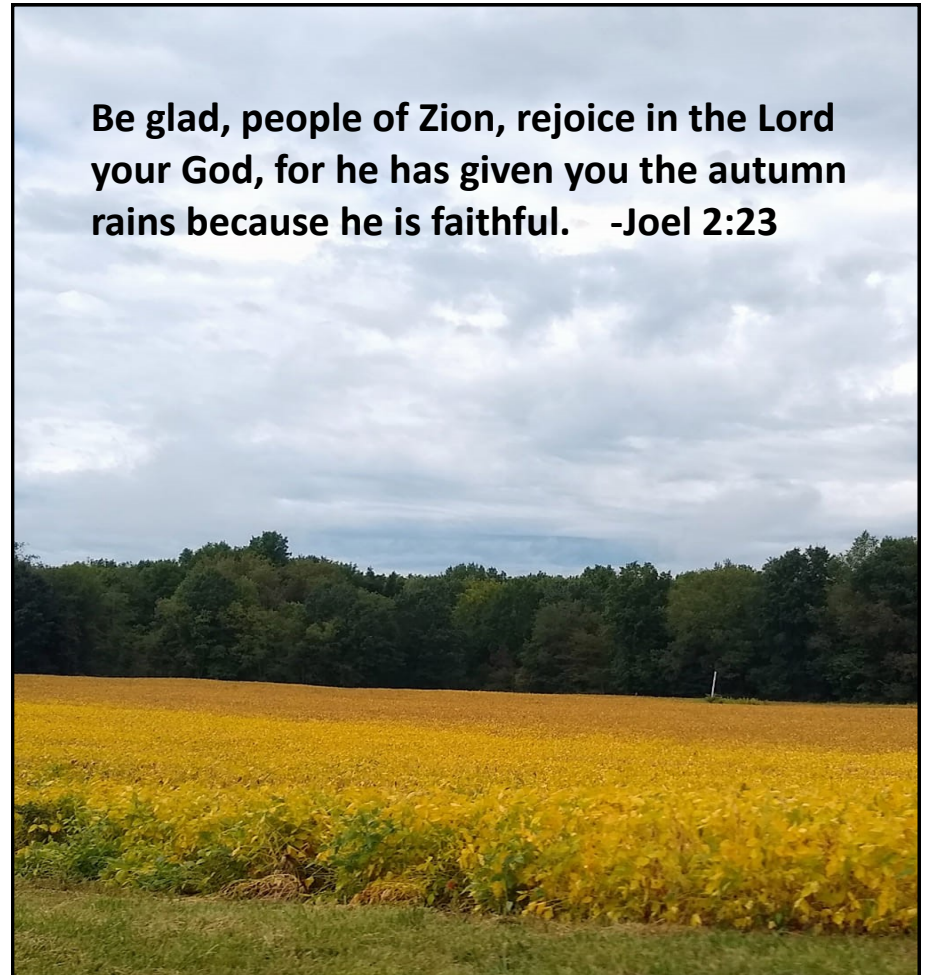
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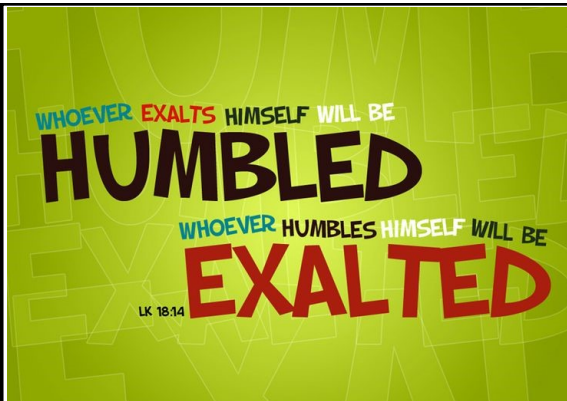
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your God, for he has given you the autumn
rains because he is faithful. -Joel 2:23**





*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 in memory of O. D. and Dot Anderson, Karen Anderson Jones and Ryan Nicklin, by their family.

Ushering today are Pat Seiple, Chris Stockner and Sandy Harter.

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

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

The Lake Erie Association will meet here at Zion's on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00. Rev. EricJon Thomas, pastor of St. Paul's UCC in Hermitage will lead worship in the chapel. After a short meeting, refreshments will be served in Anderson Lounge. Everyone is welcome!



FALL FESTIVAL
November 5 from 10:00-2:00
Crafters - Lunch - Basket raffle

Vox Luminis to perform at Thiel College

Thiel College invites you to attend a free concert performance featuring the world renown vocal ensemble **VOX LUMINIS** at the David Johnson Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

The concert is part of the Con Spirito Chamber Music Concert Series offered free to the Greenville community. Since its founding in 2004, the vocal ensemble Vox Luminis has been internationally praised for its unique sound, specializing in English, Italian and German repertoire from the 17th and 18th centuries. Every year Vox Luminis performs around 70 concerts at major concert halls and festival worldwide. In 2012, Vox Luminis won the "Recording of the Year" award at the prestigious Gramophone Awards. The David Johnson Memorial Chapel reward the listener with unparalleled acoustics through the color, uniformity and blend of their magnificent voices. Everyone welcome!

Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!

Would you like to donate items we will need for the lunch for the Fall Festival? A list is on the bulletin at the front of the church.....please write your name beside the item or items you would like to donate and bring them to the church kitchen by November 2.

NEXT SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday - don't forget to wear red!

The Neighbors in Need offering will be received.

The Prayer Chain will meet in the chapel after the service.

Karaoke for Kids in Fisher Hall after the service. Pizza and treat bags! Halloween costumes optional.

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.
October 23, 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 Gianna Tofani, 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 Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

People: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

Leader: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

People: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

Leader: Come and worship God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

People: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe God is with us.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 573 “Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just.

People: God will forgive our sins.

Leader: God will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: In one united voice, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let us recall the promises of God:

People: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins.

Leader: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we know we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*A SONG OF RESPONSE “The Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY “Merit Badges”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Morning Has Broken” Trad. Gaelic Melody
Chime Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrew Lesson Joel 2:23-32
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

SERMON “It’s Definitely Not about Merit Badges”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “There’s a Land that is Fairer Than Day” Birchwood

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

We thank you for your goodness in our lives. As we give our tithes and offerings, we recognize your generosity in our lives. You are a giving God. We can never outgive you. You are a God who blesses, and our lives are all blessed by you. O God, we praise and thank you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 519 “Not My Brother, nor My Sister”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Alleluia” Traditional

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Sound the Call” William Barnett