

Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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**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 Floyd and Eliza Mohr, by Janet Hills.

Ushering today are Bill Henry, Linda Henry, Teri Swartzbeck and Sherry Winner.

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

Everyone is invited to Fisher Hall after the service today for a Thanksgiving Feast! If you didn't bring a dish, please come anyway! There is always more than enough to go around.

Zions UCC in Transfer has invited us to join them in a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday, November 23rd. It will start with lunch at 11:30 A.M. They will provide soup. We are invited to bring a sack lunch with anything we want to eat, more than soup. After the lunch and conversation, there will be a service of thanksgiving.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER CLIENTS

Once again this year, we will provide Christmas presents for the children of the GSC clients. The tags are on the tree in the front lobby, so please help yourself and provide a Christmas gift for someone in our community who may not get many gifts.

Please purchase a toy and a clothing item for each tag. Feel free to double up and share a tag with a friend if you don't want to buy both items.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR TAG NUMBER AND NAME ON THE LIST BESIDE THE TREE.

**BRING COMFORT AND JOY TO A CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS**



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

**ALL-CHURCH  
THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION**

**TODAY** after worship in Fisher Hall.



**BELL RINGERS NEEDED!**

THE LIST FOR THE PHARMACY SIDE OF WALMART IS FULL, BUT THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO RING THE BELL ON THE GROCERY SIDE.

If you would like to take a turn ringing the bell for the Salvation Army for their Red Kettle Drive, we have 1-hour spots available on December 10.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the church.

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison**  
**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

November 20, 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 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Douglas E. Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Thanksgiving we gather to praise you, O God!

**People: For all of your abundant blessings we thank you, O God.**

Leader: For your call to serve you, your cry for mercy and justice that raises us to action, we thank you.

**People: In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with your light, we worship you.**

\*OPENING HYMN 421 "We Gather Together"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.**

Leader: Come, behold the works and mercy of God!

**People: Together let us confess our sins.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, sisters, brothers; hear this good news and see the grace of God: We are forgiven. We are free to go and live in the light of love.

**People: We give thanks to God for God's love, grace and forgiveness.**

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY Who Is Coming for Dinner?

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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Give Thanks to the Lord" Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Gospel Luke 23:33-43

SERMON "Will We Show Up?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Healey Willan

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 419 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"All Good Gifts Around Us/Thanksgiving Canon"

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Mark Hayes