

I Corinthians 3: 1-9 New Living Translation

Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world? After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

Matthew 5:21-26 New Living Translation

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

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Reconcile!

-Matthew 5:25-26 NLT



Good Morning and Welcome!

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit today!
Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of my loved ones, by
Louise Semroc.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Lori
Tofani, and Linda Allison.

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

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge for refresh-
ments after the service.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available
in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons
are available for children.

FREE CONCERT AT THIEL COLLEGE

Thiel College invites you to attend a free concert featuring the Beijing Guitar Duo, the featured ensemble for the winter Con Spirito Concert Series concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel on the Thiel College campus. Praised by the distinguished *Classical Guitar Magazine* as “having the star potential to serve as inspiration for new generations of guitarists to come,” the Beijing Guitar Duo made their New York debut in Carnegie Hall in 2010 and launched their international concert career.

Guitarist Meng Su and Yameng Wang, the Beijing Guitar Duo, have performed around the world. in halls in Europe and China. They are currently on a 12-city concert tour in the United States in February including Washington D.C., Cincinnati, Cleveland and Chicago. The duo regularly collaborates with orchestras. Meng Su and Yameng Wang were born in the coastal city of Qingdao, China. They came to the partnership with exceptional credentials, including a string of competition awards. Ms. Su’s honors include victories at the Vienna Youth Guitar Competition and the Christopher Parkening Guitarist Competition, while Ms. Wang was the youngest guitarist to win the Tokyo International Guitar Competition at the age of 12.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 19, 26, March 19 and 26: Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

March 5: Rev. Glenn Sadler

March 12: Rev. David Ackerman, PWC Minister



Monday, Feb. 13: The Ministry of Service and Missions will meet at 6:00 in the Anderson Lounge.

Sunday, Feb. 19: Fasnacht Dinner and Basket Raffle
Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will lead worship.
Don Curtis will provide organ music.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday Communion Service at 7:00 in the sanctuary led by Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison.

Sunday, Feb. 26: First Sunday in Lent
Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will lead worship.
Prayer Chain will meet

LOOKING AHEAD

Every Wednesday during Lent, we will have
“DINNER AND A MOVIE”

A light supper will be served at 6:00 in the Anderson Lounge followed by Season 3 of **The Chosen** in the chapel.

March 1 is “C” night. We will serve chili and cornbread.
March 8 is “H” night. We will serve ham balls and haluski.
Are you noticing a pattern here???

ZION’S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Glenn Sadler

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

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

February 12, 2023 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

Ali Calvin, 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 “O God, from Heaven Above, Look Down, Behold”

Johann Pachelbel

*GATHERING SONG “What a Mighty God We Serve”

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!

Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!

Let us shout and praise God’s name, let us shout and praise God’s name, let us shout and praise God’s name, let us shout and praise God’s name!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

People: Let us fix our eyes on Him.

Leader: Let us listen to what He has to say.

People: Let us give our minds to what he wants to teach us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to His message.

People: May every part of us be given to him, for He is our God and we are His people.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 68 "God Is Truly With Us"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we humble ourselves before you very aware of our tendency to sin against you. You have lavished us with your love. You have always kept your promises. On those days when we were poor in spirit you comforted us. On our joyful days you filled us with a deep sense of thanksgiving as we experienced your everlasting love. Forgive us of our sins, O God, and create a new and right spirit within us. In the grace of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE**

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us (sing)

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ have mercy upon us. (sing)

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (sing)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

FASNACHT DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

NEXT SUNDAY!

Two of our best cooks, Carol Holler and Linda Allison will be preparing the pork and sauerkraut and the Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will do the rest! Along with the pork and sauerkraut, we will have mashed potatoes, applesauce, bread and butter and German Chocolate cake and Kugel pudding for dessert. If you don't like sauerkraut, plain pork with gravy will also be available. And for kids (or picky adults), chicken nuggets and fries!



After dinner, get your tickets for the basket raffle!
Proceeds will support Re-Member at Pine Ridge
Reservation in South Dakota.



GIFTS
FROM THE
HEART

SHEEP FUND OFFERING

(Sustaining Hope for Educational Expenses in the Philippines)

After a wonderful visit in 2016 from our Mission Partners in the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the Penn West Conference established the SHEEP Fund to help them with educational programs for children and for adults preparing for ministry. We will be receiving the SHEEP's Fund offering today. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please mark SHEEP on your check or envelope.

UCC REACHING OUT TO TURKEY AND SYRIA

A message from UCC Giving concerning the earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria.....the death toll continues to rise and this shattering news adds to the challenges of the war in this area for over a decade. While the earthquake was on the border, the tremors were felt as far away as Lebanon and Cyprus. At this time, we are issuing an appeal to help recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria. If you would like make a financial contribution, please mark "earthquake" on your check or envelope.

*SONG OF PRAISE "My Life Is In You Lord"

My Life Is in You, Lord

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you. My

Second time to Coda

D.S. al Coda

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

*HYMN NO. 522 "I Love To Tell The Story"

SCRIPTURES I Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-26

SERMON "That Old, Old Story"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SHEEP FUND OFFERING

Invitation

SHEEP Fund Litany Vikki Young

Leader: The churches of the Penn West Conference are partners with the churches of the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

People: We share in each other's ministries.

Leader: This partnership reflects the second great commandment given by Jesus.

People: We are called to love our neighbor.

Leader: Let us remember our partner churches as they experience natural disasters and political threats.

People: We remember them in our prayers and support.

Leader: We thank God for our SHEEP Fund. May it indeed Sustain Hope for Educational Expenses in the Philippines. May it help children, that they may begin their lives with a love of learning. And may it help adults who are preparing to serve in ministry in the United Church of Christ in the Philippines congregations.

People: We pray for the work that these gifts will accomplish.

Offertory Music "Caprice" Leon Boellmann

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 82 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Postlude" Leon Boellmann