

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 10: 1-10

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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John 10:10

Good morning and welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

Rev. Glenn Sadler will be leading worship today. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my husband Allan Wilkins, by Elaine Wilkins.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of our son Ryan Nicklin, by his mom and dad and his family.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Vanessa Saylor and Debbie Woodworth.

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 coffee and conversation.

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

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

The Good Shepherd Center request for April is canned vegetables and cereal.

The Preschool is selling tickets for a chance to win one of two \$100 gas cards! They are \$5.00 each and can be purchased in the church office or from a preschool teacher.

GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1 The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

SCRIPTURES Acts 2: 42-47 (back of bulletin)
John 10:1-10 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Gathered in Christ"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Jesus, I Come" Todd Smith

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
(bulletin insert)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

We are a Community of Believers!

Let us take our belief into the world!

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Thine Is the Glory" Lee Dengler

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.

April 30, 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 Andrea Colaiaco, 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 "Be Still and Know" Anthony Giamanco

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd." What does that
mean to you?*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open our ears, O God;

**People: That we might hear your word speaking to us in this
moment.**

Leader: Open our ears, O God;

**People: That we might listen for your voice calling to us
through scripture.**

Leader: Open our hearts, O God;

People: That we might enter into the love you offer us.

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Through Jesus Christ we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
ALL: Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Draw Us Together" Pepper Choplin

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.

*HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (bulletin page 7)