

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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DO NOT LET
YOUR HEARTS
♥ BE TROUBLED ♥

trust in
♥ God ♥
John 14:1



*Good
morning!*

*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 our parents Dan and Cleo Callahan and our grandmothers Ethel Leonard and Elizabeth Callahan, by Brad, Chris, Lance and Clay.

The flowers on the organ are in honor of Sarah Roknick's 30th birthday.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle, Josie Harbaugh and Chris Stockner.

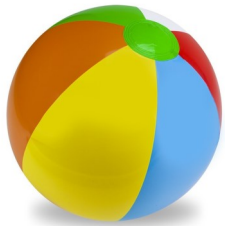
Serving Communion are George Donner, Dan Douthett, John Enterline, Jeff Calvin and Bob Fischer.

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.

I Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



A DAY AT THE BEACH FOR MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS AND SONS!

MOTHER'S DAY BEACH BASH

Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 in the Anderson Lounge.
We will have a picnic-style dinner and make a
sea glass picture.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Julie.

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 until May 10.

The Good Shepherd Center request for May is peanut butter or
breakfast foods.

Consistory will meet May 10 at 6:00.

Dinner and a Movie will be held on May 24 at 5:00. Bring a dish
to share and after dinner the movie TESTAMENT will be shown in
the chapel.

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.
May 7, 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 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 Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~
PRELUDE "With Child-like Faith" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sometimes Christians choose up sides - the "love" Chris-
tians on the one side and the "law" Christians on the other side,
each contending that their emphasis is the heart of the Gospel.

Jesus never made such a distinction. In fact, he joined the
two in a unified whole: "If you love me you will keep my com-
mandments". (John 14:15) Genuine obedience has its roots in
love.....and genuine love results in obedience to God.

*THE GATHERING SONG "Come Into His Presence"

Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing in your heart and give Him
 praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks -
 giv-ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise.
 Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to
 Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Unison C C7
 1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -
 cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low
 Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS: Anonymous
 MUSIC: Indian folk tune

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SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
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*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory" Martha Kelsey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is in our midst forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so we may faithfully follow you.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 73 "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we forget you are always with us. When our hectic schedules crowd you out, forgive us and have mercy on us. We are here today to pray without interruption, to meditate on things which are holy, and to listen to your life-giving Word. Help us to recognize your presence today. By your grace, heal us and renew us to serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Walk Worthy" Joseph M. Martin

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.

SCRIPTURES I Peter 2:2-10 (bulletin page 11)
John 14:1-14 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Living Stones"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "I Am Thine, O Lord" Gregg Sewell

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 379 "Come, We Who Love God's Name"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

People: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus. Now as they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: Take and eat, this is my Body. Then Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to his disciples and said: Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history and we say boldly what we believe:

ALL: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died!

ALL: Amen