

John 17:1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life; that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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MAY ALL WHO ENTER
AS *Guests*
LEAVE AS *friends*

*Good morning
and welcome
to Zion's
Reformed
Church!*

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here!**

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will be leading worship today. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Rodney Wentling, by Joan and Dallas Wentling.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of Melvin and Esther Berry, by Karen Galus.

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

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.

Acts 1:6-14

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



In conjunction with other Penn West Conference churches, we are collecting crazy socks for Hoffman Homes.

Sizes for teen girls and younger girls or boys are needed.

Baskets are on the bridge and in the Anderson Lounge for your donations.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 8.

Hoffman Homes, located near Gettysburg, PA is a non-profit organization that provides both inpatient and outpatient behavioral health treatment, educational services and other county-funded residential-based services to youth, young adults and their families across the commonwealth.



**JUNE 4 IS
CELEBRATION SUNDAY!**

A time to say thank you to all who serve in any way at Zion's. Choir, Sunday School teachers, Consistory, Ministry members, ushers, Communion servers, and more!

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CELEBRATION!
THERE'S A PARTY GOING ON RIGHT HERE!**

AND!!!

Ice Cream Sundaes with all your favorite toppings will be served in Anderson Lounge after church!

**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.

May 21, 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 Ruth Herrick, 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 Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Where He Leads Me" Todd Beaney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

People: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart.

People: A time to remember those we love, and a time to remember the holy promises of God.

ALL: With hope and love, let us worship God.

*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!"



This Wednesday (May 24) at 5:00
 Potluck dinner in Anderson Lounge.

The movie "Testament" in the chapel.

Testament is a reimagining of the book of Acts and is about a group of believers, filled with the Holy Spirit, and their journey through danger and persecution to spread the gospel. **It will be helpful to review Acts 21 and 22 before the movie.**

Please bring a dish to share



Next Sunday (May 28) is
 Pentecost Sunday.
 Rev. Glenn Sadler will lead
 worship and Ruth Herrick will
 provide special music.

The Strengthen the Church offering
 will be received.

Remember to wear **red!**

A Charge to Keep I Have

1 A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy, a
 2 To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill, O
 3 Arm me with watch - ful care as in thy sight to live, and
 4 Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee re - ly, O

nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
 may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!
 now thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!
 let me not my trust be - tray, but press to realms on high.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason (1797-1872)

BOYLSTON
 S.M.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips.

People: **Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts.**

Leader: Confident of God's love, let us make our confession.

People: **So that we may experience God's grace.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives - that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. Forgive our sins, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, sisters, brothers; hear this good news and see the grace of God.

People: **God embraces us with divine love; we know we are forgiven.**

Leader: Let us live in the light of God's love.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*A SONG OF PRAISE "My Life Is in You, Lord" (bulletin page 7)

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "What Do We See?"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Washed in the Blood" Mullen/Harris

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

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

*HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" (bulletin page 8)

SCRIPTURES

History of the Early Church Acts 1:6-14 (bulletin page 11)
Gospel John 17:1-11 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "I'm Praying for You"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Fairest Lord Jesus" Erinn Schwarz

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, as we lay before you our financial offering, we also offer to you all that we are. Bless these gifts and use them to bring healing, hope, wholeness throughout creation. Amen.

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

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Glory Be To The Father" Jason W. Krug

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; with
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