

Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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*TRUSTINGLY FOLLOWING
GOD'S LEAD*

-Genesis 12:1-9



**GOOD MORNING AND
WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED
CHURCH!**

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

We extend a special welcome to Don Curtis who will provide organ music. Thank you, Don!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Lloyd Harter, by Sandy Harter.

Ushering in June are Karen Galus, Vanessa Saylor, Debbie Woodworth and Kelly Bielata.

Church Happening is not held in the summer. Children are invited to stay for the entire service.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Anderson Lounge for refreshments after the service.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Seat cushions are also available.

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12:1-9 (NIV)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

JUNE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 12: Ministry of Service and Missions at 6:00.

June 14: Consistory Meeting at 6:00.

June 15: Father's Day Grill and Chill 6:00

June 18: Happy Father's Day. Worship will be led by Rev. Glenn Sadler.

June 25: Worship will be led by Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison and Don Curtis will provide organ music. Zaiden Dawes, son of Ryan and Trista (Tofani) Dawes will be baptized. The Prayer Chain will meet after the service.

Looking ahead to July..... Rev. Tim and Lori Roknick plan to make July 23 – Christmas in July with Christmas Carols and Christmas music.

If you know of anyone who would like to offer special music during the summer, please let Lori know. Maybe a friend or relative that sings or plays an instrument?

The Good Shepherd Center request for June is Canned or Boxed Meals. Barrels are located in the front and back lobbies of the church for your donations.

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.

June 11, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vic 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 "It Is Well With My Soul" Bliss/Arr. Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Now is the time we gather to worship God.

People: We gather as the people to whom God calls to share the good news!

Leader: We gather to respond to God's grace.

People: We hear God's call and learn to say yes to God together.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 27 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: It takes a great deal of energy to live the life for which God created us.....

People: **Sometimes, we are simply too exhausted.**

Leader: Let us join our voices together to find a common strength.

People: **Together let us confess to God.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We confess that we value the false certainty of our own path over the uncertainty of journeying with you and one another on the path of discipleship. Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: When we freely confess our sins and shortcomings to God,

People: **We know that God hears us and forgives us.**

Leader: We are made whole once again.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***A SONG OF PRAISE** The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Meeting Jedidiah"

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.

Refrain Harmony optional

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, If You
lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 24 through 28
from 2:00-3:30**

The week will include visits to The Good Shepherd Center and St. Paul's.

All Elementary students are invited to join us as we learn how God teaches us to help others.

If someone you know needs a ride to and from VBS, please call Julie at 724-588-6940.

Here I Am, Lord

"Whom shall I send?" I said, "Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo- ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo- ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark- ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro- vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

PRAYER RESPONSE

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

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" (bulletin page 7)

SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12:1-9 (bulletin page 11)
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Living a Theology of Hope"

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify. He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image, and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Arioso" Gordon Young

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, we are all one human family. In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. Here we offer both our gifts and our lives to the greater good of human kind. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" (bulletin pages 8 and 9)

*THE BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sing twice)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia.**

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Diapason Movement" George Green

*The God of Abraham Praise

Revised Version of the Yigdal

Daniel ben Judah, c.1400

Tr. Newton Mann and Max Landsberg

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Traditional Hebrew Melody

Adapted by Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A - bra'm praise, All prais - ed be his name,
 2. His spir - it flow - eth free, High surg - ing where it will;
 3. He hath e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

Who was and is and is to be, For aye the same!
 In proph-et's word he spoke of old; He speak - eth still.
 His love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God, Ere aught that now ap - pears;
 Es - tab - lished is his law, And change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his name

The First, the Last: be - yond all thought His time - less years!
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea or land.
 Who was and is and is to be, For aye the same!