

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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Matthew 11:28



*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church
We're glad you're
here!*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

We welcome Miss Rachel Henry as our soloist this morning. Rachel is a 2022 graduate of Westminster College where she was a vocal education major. Rachel is originally from Lewisburg, PA and is beginning her 2nd year at Farrell Area School District where she is Director of the Choir Department. Welcome Rachel and thank you for sharing your talent with us!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Bob's parents David and Alma Seiple and grandparents Leo and Minnie Seiple, by Bob and Pat Seiple.

Ushering in July are Karen Galus, Pat Seiple, John Enterline, Liam Adams and Lori Tofani.

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.

"I will go," she said.

⁵⁹ So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; ;may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. ⁶³ He went out to the field one evening to meditate, ⁶⁴ and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴ Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵ and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?"

"He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷ Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: " 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67

⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶ My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. ³⁷ And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, ³⁸ but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'

⁴² "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. ⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' ⁴⁴ and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

⁴⁶ "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

⁴⁷ "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'

"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.'

"Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, ⁴⁸ and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. ⁴⁹ Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."

⁵⁸ So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?"

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.

July 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Galus, 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

"A Moment of Peace"

John Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to God, all who hunger for life:

People: for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.

Leader: Come to God, all who are worn out by life:

People: God provides the rest we need.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 484 "O Come to Me, You Weary"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: When we offer God our confession

People: We begin the beautiful work of reconciliation.

Leader: Reconciliation begins with God.

People: Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confession.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(begin in silent confession, then join the pastor in unison)

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 do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone. We keep the logs in our own eyes. Forgive us our sins and empower us to be imitators of Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

***A SONG OF PRAISE NO. 282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

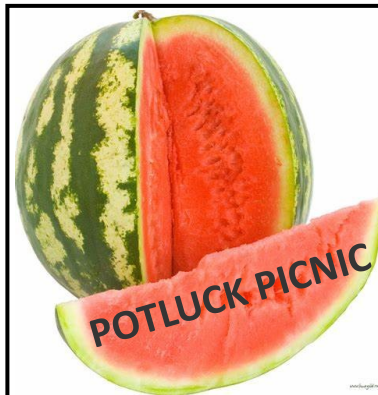
~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)
By John Newton, Chris Tomlin and John P. Rees

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Walking a Labyrinth"

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



All-church potluck picnic at Rust Pavilion at St. Paul's Senior Living Community (behind the Keifer Building) at 1:00 on August 20. The UCC congregations from St. Mark's, Zion's in Transfer, and St. Paul's in Hermitage have been invited to join us. Chris Wright, CEO of St. Paul's will speak, Jenny

Kather of St. Paul's will talk about the Auxiliary and we are hoping to provide campus tours. Please bring a dish to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided.

OVER 80'S TEA

The Over 80's Tea will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 1:00 in the Anderson Lounge. Hostesses for the day are Chris Stockner, Karen Galus and Josie Harbaugh.



MEAL AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

The Ministry of Service and Missions will be serving a **meal at The Good Shepherd Center** on Monday, August 21. As always, volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, clean-up and deliver. Please contact Andrea Colaiaco at 724-813-5748 if you would like to volunteer.

**Alzheimer's
Caregivers
Support
Group**



The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet **Tuesday, July 11 at 2:00** in the Anderson Lounge. The meeting is facilitated by Pastor Glenn Sadler and is open to the public.

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE!

On Sunday, July 23, we will receive a **NOISY OFFERING** to benefit The Good Shepherd Center. Mary Conley, Executive Director, will present the Mission Moment.

It's a good time to clean out those junk drawers, check the couch cushions, and of course, ladies, the bottom of your purse!!



FUNERAL SERVICE

The calling hours and funeral service for Dorothy Lean will be held at Zion's on Saturday, July 22. Calling hours will be in the Anderson Lounge from 10:00-11:00 and the funeral will be in the chapel at 11:00. Refreshments will be served in Anderson Lounge after the service.

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 NO. 42 "O For a Thousand Tongues"

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Gospel lesson Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
(pages 10, 11 and 12)

SERMON "Old Stories with Amazing Relevancy"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "My Lighthouse" Rend Collective Experiment
Rachel Henry, vocal soloist

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of all nations and races and faiths, we dedicate these gifts to you. May our giving help us to live more in tune with your Spirit. Use our resources in ways that reflect that Christ is Lord of all our lives. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 76 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE Toccata - Op. 27 No. 10 Dmitri Kabalevsky

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 Preschool and 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.

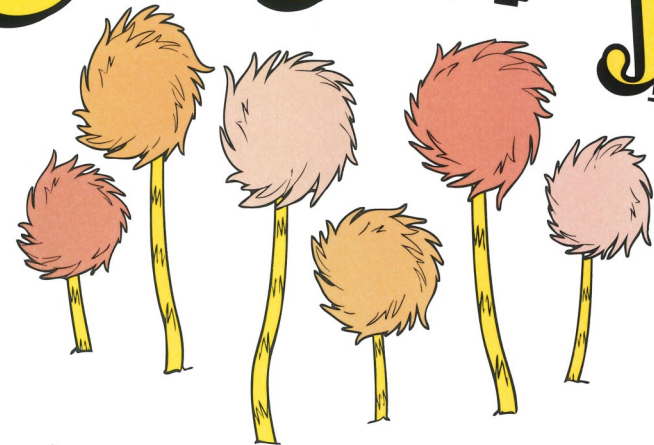
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July 13th and 16th at 2:00 p.m.
July 14th and 15th at 7:00 p.m.
Greenville High School Auditorium