

Hebrew Reading Genesis 32:22-31

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**HAVE FAITH
TO MAKE
MIRACLES
HAPPEN**

Matthew-14:13-21

**Good Morning and
welcome to Zion's
Reformed Church.
We're glad you're
here!**

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

The Altar Flowers are in memory of my mother Rena King, by Carol Ann Cash.

Ushering in August are Lori Tofani, Teri Swartzbeck, Gary Hittle, Gianna Tofani and Alex Brown.

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.

Holy, Holy

You alone are holy. All nations will worship before You. Revelation 15:4

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly,
2. Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, We're so blest to be Your
3. Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, We're so glad that You've re -
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, Come and fill our hearts a -
5. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

Lord God Al - might - y; And we lift our hearts be - fore You as a
chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; And we lift our heads be - fore You as a
deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; And we lift our hands be - fore You as a
new, Ho - ly Spir - it; And we lift our voice be - fore You as a
hal - le - lu - jah; And we lift our hearts be - fore You as a

to - ken of our love, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
to - ken of our love, Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
to - ken of our love, Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
to - ken of our love, Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this Holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Old Time Religion"

(Refrain) Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.

It was good for my mother, it was good for my mother, it was good for my mother, and it's good enough for me. *(Refrain)*

It was good for the Hebrew children, it was good for the Hebrew children, it was good for the Hebrew children, and it's good enough for me. *(Refrain)*

It was good for Paul and Silas, it was good for Paul and Silas, it was good for Paul and Silas, and it's good enough for me. *(Refrain)*

It was good for my old father, it was good for my old father, it was good for my old father, and it's good enough for me. *(Refrain)*

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Sing for Joy" arr. by Hal H. Hopson

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.

August 6, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gianna Tofani, 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

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

PRELUDE "Gotta Have My Music" Jane Ellen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Life is too short to keep tally of wrongs and rights.

People: Instead, may we outdo one another in our love of neighbor.

Leader: Everyone who is in need of compassion or forgiveness, come.

People: All who desire God's love will find it here as we worship together.

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy" (bulletin page 7)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our hearts long for God.

People: But we know we fall short of God's glory.

Leader: Let us confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God's grace.

People: We join our voices together in confession.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint-like but we end up feeling more like sinners - full of failures, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human - beloved yet flawed, trying yet failing and sometimes succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong we have done and bless the good we have accomplished. Mold us more into the image of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Father of Jesus knows all that we are.

People: Through God's love and grace we know that we are indeed cleansed from all our sin.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, God's ultimate sacrifice, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*A SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 293 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "How Many Can We Feed?"

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 NO. 321 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Reading Genesis 32:22-31
Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "Contagious Compassion"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Be Thou My Vision" Marie Pooler

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

During the distribution of the cup, we will sing:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees:

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees:

Refrain.....

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees: