

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Psalm 88

O LORD, the God of my salvation, day and night I cry out before You. May my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am counted among those descending to the Pit. I am like a man without strength. I am forsaken among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, who are cut off from Your care. You have laid me in the lowest Pit, in the darkest of the depths. Your wrath weighs heavily upon me; all Your waves have submerged me. You have removed my friends from me; You have made me repulsive to them; I am confined and cannot escape. My eyes grow dim with grief. I call to You daily, O LORD; I spread out my hands to You. Do You work wonders for the dead? Do departed spirits rise up to praise You? Can Your loving devotion be proclaimed in the grave, Your faithfulness in Abaddon? Will Your wonders be known in the darkness, or Your righteousness in the land of oblivion? But to You, O LORD, I cry for help; in the morning my prayer comes before You. Why, O LORD, do You reject me? Why do You hide Your face from me? From my youth I was afflicted and near death. I have borne Your terrors; I am in despair. Your wrath has swept over me; Your terrors have destroyed me. All day long they engulf me like water; they enclose me on every side. You have removed my beloved and my friend; darkness is my closest companion.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

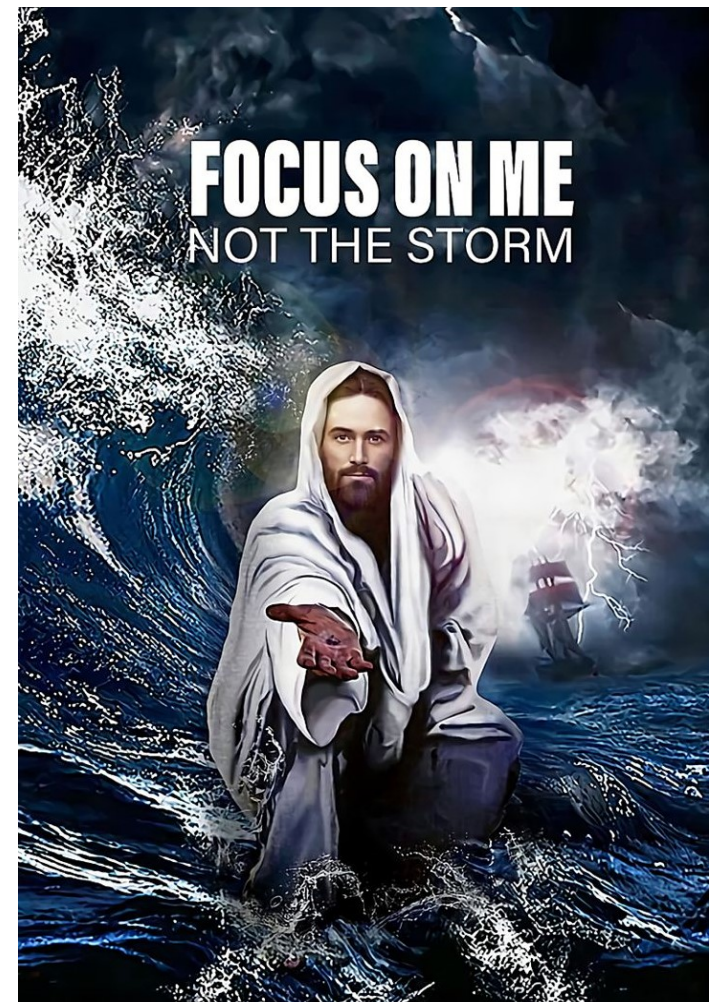
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**Good Morning and
welcome to Zion's
Reformed Church. We're
glad you're here!**

Rev. Glenn Sadler is leading worship today. Thank you for being here!

We welcome back Lily Thomas as our summer soloist. Lily recently participated in a week-long soccer camp at Edinboro University for the GHS Lady Trojans. This will be Lily's 2nd year as a "Marching Trojan" and a member of the Steel Drum Band. During the summer, Lily performed at various churches, the Greenville Senior Center and Fresh Grounds. The incoming Sophomore is the daughter of Frank and Shannon Thomas. Thank you for being here.

The Altar Flowers are in memory of my parents, my brother Don Dart, my sister Genevra McGuffy and my wife Mary Ellen, by Paul Dart.

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.

74 **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their rag - ing
 3 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose breath were fash - ioned sea and
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, pre - serve their lives in

rest - less wave, who told the might - y o - cean deep its
 at your word, who walked a - cross the surg - ing deep and
 sky and earth; who made the storm - y cha - os cease and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, flood and flame, pro -

own ap - point - ed bounds to keep: O hear us when we
 in the storm lay calm in sleep: O hear us when we
 gave us life and light and peace: O hear us when we
 tect them by your ho - ly name, and to your glo - ry

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

WORDS: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

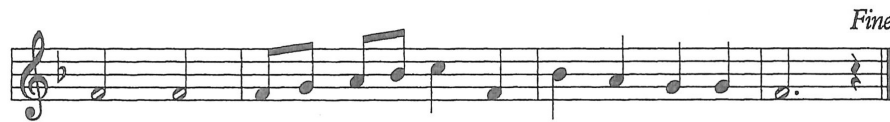
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PARTICULAR TIMES OF WORSHIP

2271 Come! Come! Everybody Worship
(Vengan Todos Adoremos)



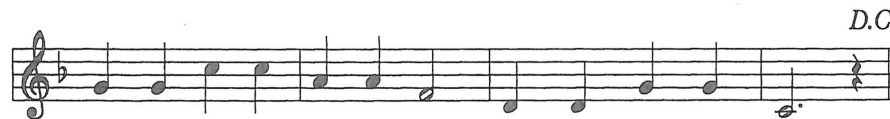
Come! Come! Ev-ery-bod-y wor-ship with a prayer or song of praise!
¡Ven - gan to - dos a - do - re - mos con can - tos y o - ra - ción!



Come! Come! Ev-ery-bod-y wor-ship! Wor-ship God al - ways!
¡Ven - gan to - dos a - do - re - mos a nues - tro Se - ñor!



1. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber to keep the Sab-bath day.
2. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber the Lord's un - end - ing care,
3. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber your bless-ings great and small.
4. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber how Je - sus long a - go
5. Wor-ship and re - mem-ber that God is like a light,



Take a rest and think of God; put your work a - way!
reach-ing out to love and help peo - ple ev - ery - where!
Give to God an of - fer - ing; show your thanks for all!
taught us how to talk to God; some-thing we should know!
show-ing you the way to go; ev - er burn - ing bright!

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth; Spanish trans. by Mary Lou Santillán-Baert
MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth

NATALIE
66.75 with Refrain

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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.

August 13, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connie Hittle, 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 "Prelude in B Minor" F. Chopin Op. 28, No. 6

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

**We gather together to worship God,
Who comes to us when we least expect it,
Who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives,
And invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.
Let us worship God together!**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Come, Everybody Worship"
(bulletin page 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following you. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where you lead, to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that you will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt you God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "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

SPECIAL MUSIC "You Say" Music and Lyrics by Lauren Daigle
Lily Thomas, piano and vocals

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 "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (bulletin page 7)

SCRIPTURES Matthew 14:22-33 and Psalm 88

SERMON "That Sinking Feeling"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Dear God" Cory Asbury
Lily Thomas, guitar and vocals

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 75 "Lord, Make Me More Holy"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Sonata in G Major" Domenico Cimarosa