

Matthew 13:16-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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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!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Martha Baird, by Parke, Jen, Ada and Iris Wentling.

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.

Please gather in the front of the church for a picture at the end of the service.

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

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

NATURE & FOUNDATION

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
3 Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave - ly burn-ing,
4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray-ing,
5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

to Refrain

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
some-times it's rid - ing, some-times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.
there's laugh-ing and there's cry - ing some-times, all of it say - ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
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1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E♭

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

A♭ E♭ A♭

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

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glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

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 27, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Fischer, 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 "By the Grace of God" Anthony Giamanco

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is a brand new day! And with it comes God's unfailing love and mercy.

People: **God is never absent from us. We are full of hope because God gives himself so freely.**

Leader: We may experience pain, or depression, or discouragement. But healing will come, just as sure as a new day, when we trust in God.

People: **Our hearts are full of praise, forcing us to break forth into singing of God's great love!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 68 "God Is Truly With Us"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Life can be such a burden, Father, when we let our problems make us blind to your love. Forgive us when we prolong our hopelessness by not trusting in your mercy. Give us patience to wait on you to give yourself to us, that we may experience the joy of hope which comes with each new day. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "This Is The Day" (bulletin page 6)

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

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. 386 "The Church's One Foundation"

SCRIPTURES Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON "What Do You Say?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" McDonald

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

DEDICATION OF THE STEEPLE AND CROSS (see insert)

*CLOSING HYMN "We Are The Church" (bulletin page 7)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Celebration" arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

At the conclusion of the service, please gather outside in front of the church for a group photo.