

Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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everyone. -Romans 12:18





**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!

Special music is provided by Dalton Stoops. He is currently a Junior at Westminster College, majoring in Trumpet performance and music education. He is a member of the marching band, wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, trumpet ensemble and orchestra. His future plans include graduate school as well as an orchestra position! Dalton became engaged to Miss Rachel Henry this past summer and they are planning a June 2025 wedding. Thank you, Dalton, for sharing your talent with us. Best wishes to you!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Russ & Grace Weston, Susie Stone Huber and Sandy Stone by Bob Stone and Family.

Ushering in September are Vikki Young, Dan Langietti, Betty Langietti, Carol Saal and Emily Rinella. Serving Communion are Linda Seeley, Betty Mink, Ron Mink, April Konig and Sandy Harter.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY! Sunday School
classes for elementary children and adults
begin at 9:15.**

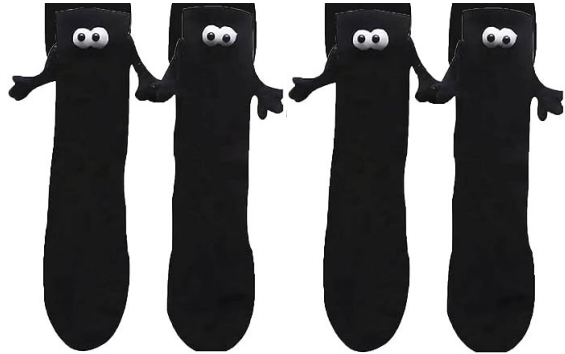
Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'" "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY!

Sunday School begins again for Elementary Students at 9:15 in the Youth Center!

Come to Sunday School where learning about Jesus and connecting with friends makes for
HAPPY FEET!



Parents are encouraged to join their children for Rally Day. Get to know each other, enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and donuts!

The Youth Center has been cleaned up and painted and includes a lounge area and kitchen for parents and a play area for younger children.

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.
September 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Fischer, Lector

MISSION MOMENT

Jodie Enterline

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 "From a Distance" music by Julie Gold

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

People: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: And I will give you rest."

Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

People: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 454 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

*A PRAYER LITANY FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Leader: Holy God, Our Creator, we are mindful this day that most hard labor in our country is performed by people who may not be like us - African Americans, Hispanics, people who lack our advanced skills and connections, and who settle for being labor that is cheap.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That there is other work to be done, what Jesus called, "my Father's work" - healing the sick, caring for the poor, casting out demons, doing the hard work of justice. We give thanks for those who do this.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: On Labor Day, give us fresh perspective on our labor, that our lives consist in more than earning and eating, in making and selling, that our lives consist in the hard, urgent work of the neighborhood.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to labor with love, to labor with joy, to labor with faithfulness.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus, from whom we know your own self-giving life, for we gladly confess that "no one works like him."

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Prayer adapted from *Lutheran Book of Prayer* and from Walter Brueggemann's, *Prayers for a Privileged People*.)

*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.

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system covers the first line of text, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

*PRAYER RESPONSE

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Suite in D Major" G. F. Handel
 • Overture
 • Gigue
 Dalton Stoops, Piccolo Trumpet
 Lori Seinar-Roknick, Accompanist

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Memories from Childhood"

*HYMN NO. 170 "Your Ways Are Not Our Own"

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Exodus 3:1-15 (page 11)
 Epistle Lesson Romans 12: 9-21 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Wait! I'm Not Ready!"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation
 Offertory Music "Aire" G.. F. Handel
 Dalton Stoops, Piccolo Trumpet

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, we seek your peace in our hearts and minds as we discern how we might participate in your work. Equip us to offer these our gifts, education, and resources, not for a faster world, but a world that would move according to the rhythm of your heart. 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:

*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 un-
certain world; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
(bulletin pages 8 and 9)

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Bouree” G. F. Handel
Dalton Stoops, Piccolo Trumpet

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!

GOD IS WATCHING US

From a distance, the world looks blue and green

And the snow-capped mountains white

From a distance, the ocean meets the stream

And the eagle takes to flight

From a distance, there is harmony

And it echoes through the land

It's the voice of hope, It's the voice of peace

It's the voice of every man

From a distance, we all have enough

And no one is in need

And there are no guns, no bombs, and no disease

No hungry mouths to feed

From a distance, we are instruments

Marching in a common band

Playing songs of hope, Playing songs of peace

They're the songs of every man

God is watching us, God is watching us, God is watching us,

From a distance

From a distance, you look like my friend

Even though we are at war

From a distance, I just cannot comprehend

What all this fighting's for

From a distance, there is harmony

And it echoes through the land

And it's the hope of hopes, It's the love of loves

It's the heart of every man (every man)

It's the hope of hopes, It's the love of loves,

This is the song for every man

And God is watching us, God is watching us, God is watching us

From a distance