

Philippians 1: 21-30

For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better. Yet, if I live, that means fruitful service for Christ. I really don't know which is better.

I'm torn between two desires: Sometimes I want to live, and sometimes I long to go and be with Christ. Being with Christ would be far better for me, but it is better for you that I live. I am convinced of this, so I will continue with you so that you will grow and experience the joy of your faith. Then when I return to you, you will have even more reason to boast about what Christ Jesus has done for me. But whatever happens to me, you must live in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ, as citizens of heaven. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the Good News. Don't be intimidated by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that **they** are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of this great struggle.

WELCOME TO  
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

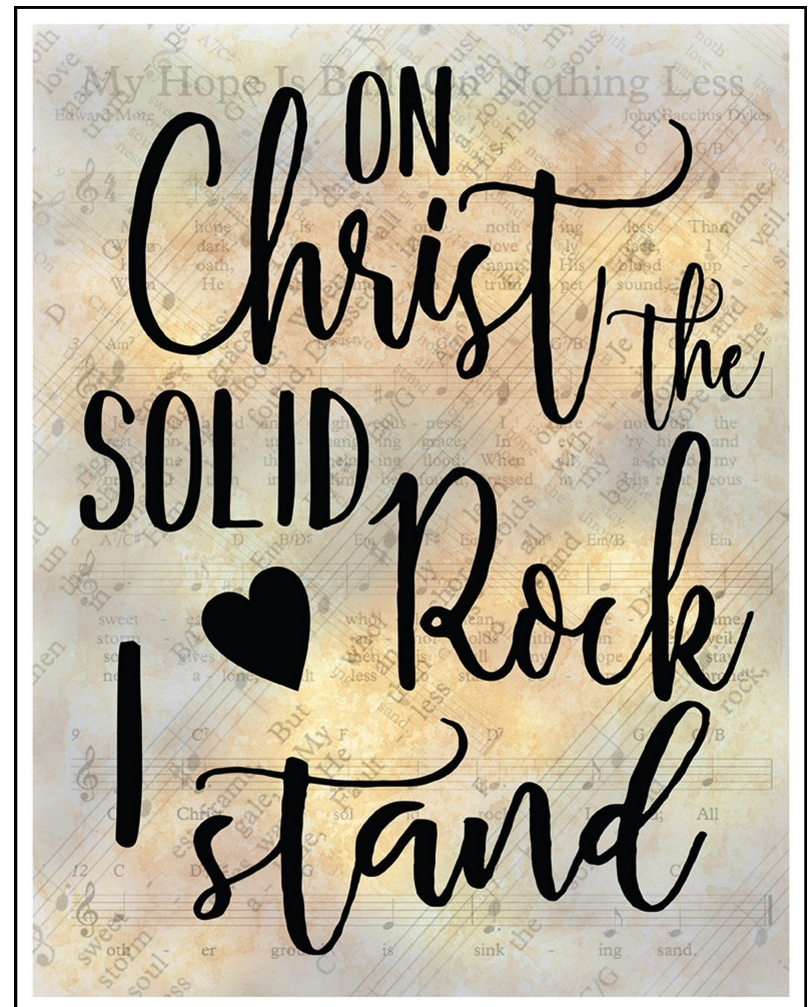
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**Good Morning and  
welcome to Zion's  
Reformed Church. We're  
glad you are here!**

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

The Altar Flowers are in memory of our parents Paul and Mary Konig and Earl and Mary Atkinson, by Ron and April Konig.

Ushering in September are Vikki Young, Dan Langietti, Betty Langietti, Carol Saal and Emily Rinella.

Children are welcome to come to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

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

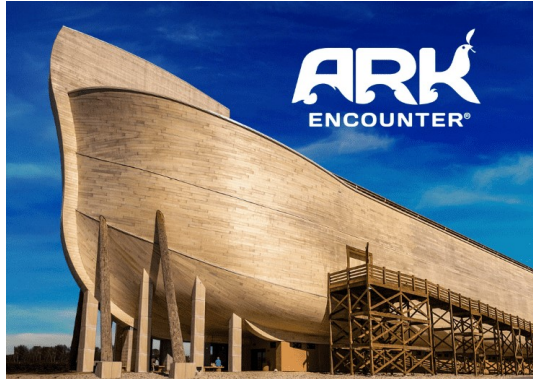
Members of the prayer chain will meet today after the service.

**Large Print Bulletins**, copies of today's sermon, children's activity books, and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Exodus 16: 2-15

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. The LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

# CHRISTMASTIME AT THE ARK



## Anderson Bus Trip November 29 and 30

- Ark Encounter, Williamstown, KY
  - Christmas lights and festivities at the Ark
- Meals - 1B, 1L, 1D

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\$499.00 Single  
(tour protection \$60.00)

Deposit of \$150.00 - Final payment by Oct. 29

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REFORMED CHURCH, so everyone can sit  
together!

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.  
September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Seeley, 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

Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

*~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~*  
PRELUDE "From the Inside Out" Joel Houston/Larry Shackley

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of the desert heat, God heard the cries of  
the people.

**People: Help us, Lord, please help us.**

Leader: Manna was given and water gushed forth from a rock.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: In the midst of the deserts of fear and frustration, God  
will provide for our needs.

**People: Lord, come to us and heal us. Amen.**



\*OPENING HYMN "All Who Hunger

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering.  
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.  
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.



**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30**

Tuesday, October 3

Alzheimer's Support Group at 2:00 in Anderson Lounge  
 Good Shepherd Center Full Board meeting at 7:00

Wednesday, October 11

Consistory Meeting at 6:00

Sunday, October 22

Chili Cook-off

Tuesday, October 24

Backpack packing at First Methodist Church at 6:30. See Leslie  
 Graul if you can help.

Sunday, October 29

Prayer Chain Meeting after worship

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

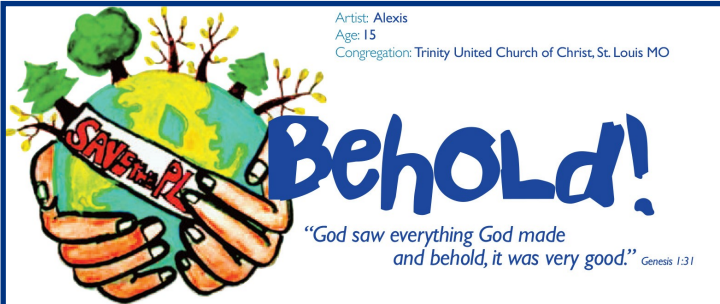
October 1, 15 and 20, Rev. Tim Morrison

October 8 and 22, Rev. Glenn Sadler

## NEXT SUNDAY

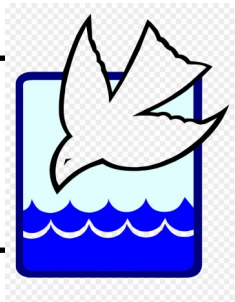


# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING  
WILL BE RECEIVED

# BAPTISM



\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of overflowing grace, we confess that we have failed to live according to your way of faithfulness and steadfast love. You call us to live in faith but we continue to live in fear. You set us free from the power of evil but we are still captivated by sin. You lead us into a new way of life but we remain in the ways of death. Forgive us, loving God. Open our hearts to the gift of your grace, transform our lives by your Holy Spirit, and teach us to love one another, even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

\*SUNG RESPONSE - KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM

\*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.**

\*HYMN NO. 403 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SCRIPTURES Exodus 16: 2-15  
Philippians 1: 21-30

SERMON "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "God Be With You" (bulletin page 7)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth; and let it begin with me.**

\*THE POSTLUDE "We're Marching to Zion" arr. by Mark Hayes

## God Be with You

The musical score for "God Be with You" is presented in four systems. The first system shows the vocal line with three verses of lyrics. The second system shows the bass line. The third system shows the vocal line with the chorus lyrics. The fourth system shows the bass line.

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-TECT - ing hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per-ils should con-found you,

with his sheep se-cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
dai - ly man-na still pro-VIDE you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)  
MUSIC: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

GOD BE WITH YOU  
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Always pray to have eyes that  
see the best in people, a heart  
that forgives the worst, a mind  
that forgets the bad, and a soul  
that never loses faith in God.