

Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

*WELCOME TO
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GOD IS WITH US



*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed Church!
We're glad you're here!*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my brother, by Janet Cooper.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in honor of the baptism of Kaleb Deeter, by his family.

Ushering today are John Enterline, Jodie Enterline, Sherry Winner and Pat Seiple

Serving Communion are Carol Saal, Bill Henry, Linda Henry, Chris Stockner and Pat Seiple.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for refreshments.



**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

\$409.00 Double and \$499.00 Single
(tour protection \$60.00)

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

**CALL ANDERSON'S TO BOOK YOUR SEAT and SAY YOU ARE
WITH ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH so everyone can sit
together!**

The Good Shepherd Center
requests for OCTOBER
**CANNED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES**

ATTENTION KNITTERS

The KNITTING GROUP is meeting on Tuesdays
at 1:00 in the Anderson Lounge. We need win-
ter hats and baby afghans!
EVERYONE WELCOME!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

AFTER CHURCH

PRIZES FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE

Please call the church office by
October 20 to register.

Taste testers needed too.....come
to the event, enjoy some chili, and
vote for your favorite!
Only \$1.00 per vote!

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.

October 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Fowler, 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

Emilee Deeter, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE

"Profession of Faith"

Todd Kendall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of
Christ's followers.

**Many: We gather to share Word and sacraments, to discern the
ways of faithful service.**

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**Many: At home and school and business places – in this
Community and throughout every land.**

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**Many: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to
enact our faith. Let us now worship the One who calls us!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Great is the faithfulness of God.

People: Yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget.

Leader: We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood.

People: Let us come together again as we confess our sins to God and to each other.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

People: Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

Leader: And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

People: By the abundance of God's grace and love, our sins are forgiven.

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

TODAY WE WILL RECEIVE THE NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING.

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

NIN also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to NIN and mark your check or envelope "NIN"



*CLOSING HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**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.**

*BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “Worship and Praise” Ross Anderson

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kaleb Tyler Deeter, son of Rebecka Deeter and Colt Deeter

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Pastor: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is for all believers regardless of age, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of participation in God’s forgiveness, and the beginning of growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Do you promise to live your life the best you can, avoiding bad things, living as Jesus taught us to live?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in what we call the Holy Trinity: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow in your faith, and to be a faithful member of a community of faith what we call church and do all you can to help others?

Candidate: I promise with the help of God.

(Congregational Assent)

Pastor: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized as Kaleb, lives and grows in his faith?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Pastor: Gracious God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. Amen.

Pastor: Kaleb Tyler Deeter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Gracious God, grant to Kaleb strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 325 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Oreos and Milk, Bread and Grape Juice"

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrew Lesson Exodus 17:1-7
Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON "Try to Remember"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory Music "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Hughes

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

CHOIR ANTHEM "Family of Grace" Parker/Shackley

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 uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.