

Gospel Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

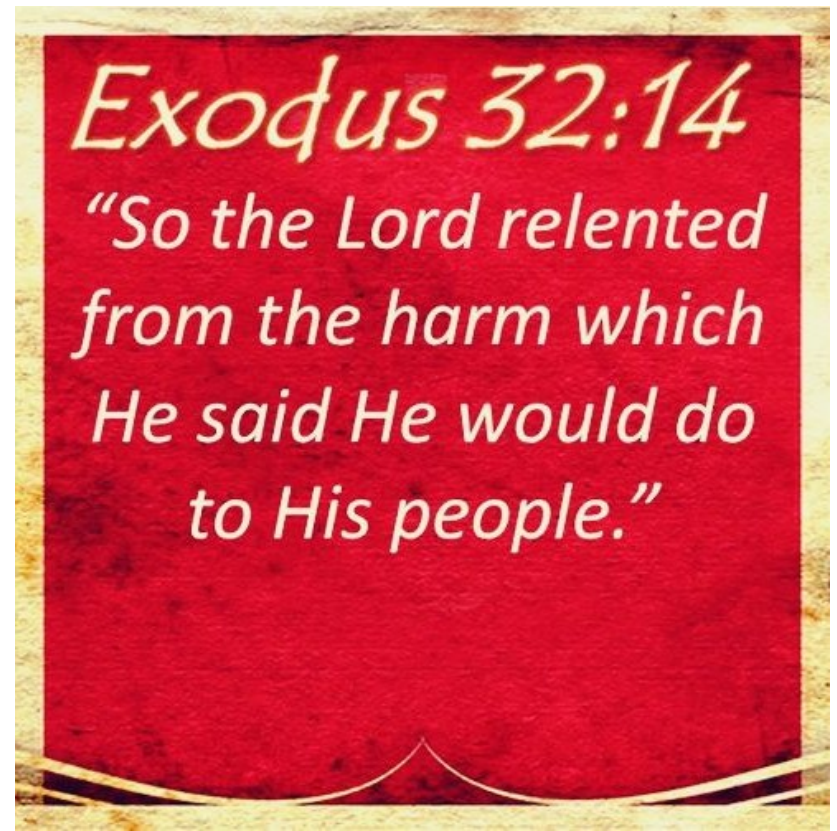
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*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!
We're glad you're
here!*

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. We also welcome Don Curtis as our organist today. Thank you both for being here!

The Altar Flowers: Happy 97th birthday to Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa, by Teri, Brian, Vicki, Sarah, James, Colson, Alaina, Hannah and Jimmy.

Ushering today are John Enterline, Jodie Enterline, Sherry Winner 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.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, seat cushions and copies of the sermon. Please help yourself or ask an usher.

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

Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

There Is a Redeemer

Christ Jesus has become our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
 3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, And

leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

TEXT: Melody Green
 MUSIC: Melody Green

GREEN
 Irregular meter

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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 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS George Donner, 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

Emily Rinella, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE Sarabande with Variations G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God.

**People: We offer all that we are knowing we need God in our
 lives.**

Leader: Let us come with humility.

People: We know in God's presence there is light for everyone.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 73 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Spirit calls each of us.

People: But we are often reluctant to heed this call.

Leader: In risking to heed the Spirit's call, we can be infused with renewed Spirit.

People: Seeking that renewal, let us together confess our sins.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have spoken to women and men of old through dreams and visions, yet we confess we seek to rely on reason and tradition alone. Fill us with vision. Lead us into the future. Enable us to grow toward a deeper understanding of your call and claim upon each of us. Set us free. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is full of compassion and mercy.

People: God is slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins.

Leader: God through God's son, Jesus, set us free from our sins.

People: God's gift of forgiveness makes us able to forgive and to live again in right relationship with each other and with God.

*A SONG OF RESPONSE "There Is a Redeemer" (bulletin page 6)

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Does God Get Angry?"

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. by Marianne Kim
Don Curtis, organ Julie Hills, piano

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

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SERMON "What Will the Neighbors Think?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Violin Sonata" G. F. Handel

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing hope out of despair and new life in the midst of destruction. Receive, these our gifts, God. May they be used to generate hope and new life in new ways not only within this congregation but throughout our country and the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 438 "Peace Like a River"

*BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "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.**

*THE POSTLUDE "Voluntary in E Flat" George Green