

Matthew 23: 1-12 NLV

Then Jesus talked to the many people and to His followers. ² He said, "The teachers of the Law and the proud religious law-keepers have put themselves in Moses' place as teachers. ³ Do what they tell you to do and keep on doing it. But do not follow what they do. They preach but do not obey their own preaching. ⁴ They make heavy loads and put them on the shoulders of men. But they will not help lift them with a finger. ⁵ Everything they do, they do to be seen of men. They have words from the Holy Writings written in large letters on their left arm and forehead and they make wide trimming for their clothes. ⁶ They like to have the important places at big suppers and the best seats in the Jewish places of worship. ⁷ They like to have people show respect to them as they stand in the center of town where people gather. They like to be called teacher.

⁸ "But you are not to be called teacher. There is only one Teacher, and all of you are brothers. ⁹ Do not call any man here on earth your father. There is only one Father and He is in heaven. ¹⁰ You are not to be called leader. There is only one Leader and He is Christ.

¹¹ "He who is greatest among you will be the one to care for you. ¹² The person who thinks he is important will find out how little he is worth. The person who is not trying to honor himself will be made important.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

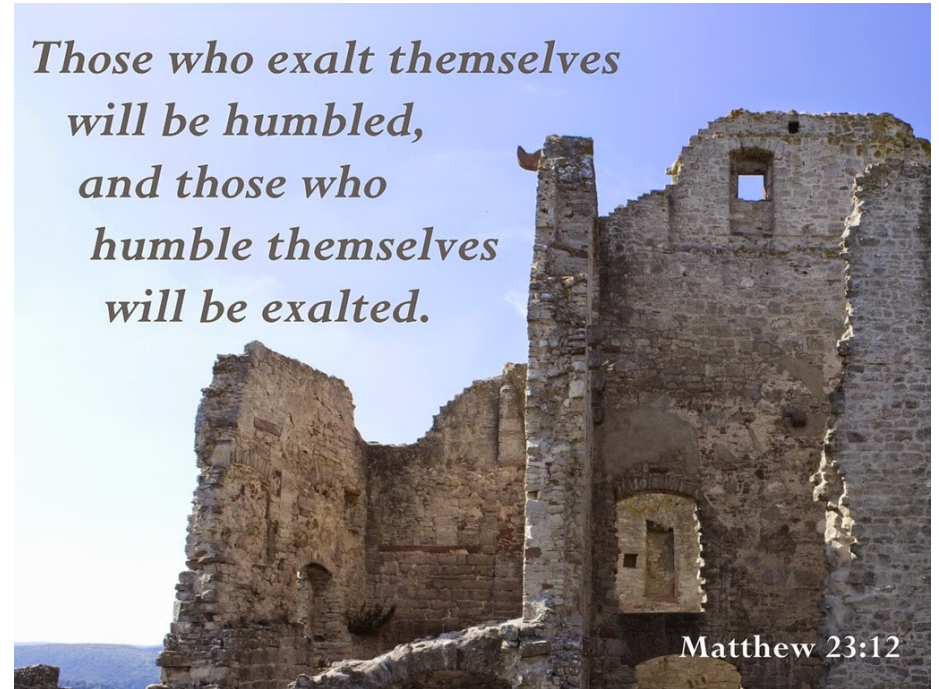
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*Those who exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.*





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

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Elaine Kobele, by Bob Kobele and family.

The Chancel Flowers are in memory of my husband Gary and son Craig, by Anita Powell.

Also on the altar are flowers given in memory of Ronda Uber, by her family.

Ushering today are Bill Henry, Linda Henry, Linda Allison, and Liam Adams.

Serving Communion are George Donner, Bob Fischer, Lori Tofani, Vanessa Saylor and Lynn Rinella.

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.

**Reach out and
Invite
Someone**



To Church

This Advent and Christmas season is the perfect time to reach out to a friend, family member, or neighbor and invite them to church. Please take this opportunity to share the message of LOVE, PEACE, HOPE AND JOY that we experience every year during Advent.

To kick-off the Advent season, The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will prepare a light lunch on Sunday, December 3 after church in the Anderson Lounge. Stay for lunch, and HOPEFULLY meet some new friends!

We will be posting a flyer at The Greenville House (Hi-Rise) inviting the residents to church during Advent and Christmas. If you know someone who lives there, please offer to meet them at the door and sit with them.



The Cooper and Forsyth Scholarships will be presented during worship on November 26.

Say Cheese



Pictures will be taken for the pictorial directory on November 30, December 1 and December 2. Please sign up after church today. We are not using the online registration.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Penn-Ohio Young Actors Playhouse will be rehearsing for a Christmas play on Sundays in Fisher Hall from 2:00-4:00. If interested in participating, please contact Lynn Rinella.

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.

November 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lara Baker, 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Teresa Wilhelmi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, it's time to sing for joy and tell of God's wonderful deeds of love.

People: As long as we live, we will sing praise to God!

Leader: People of Jesus Christ, it's time to tell of God's forgiveness and grace!

People: As long as we live, we will sing of God's forgiveness and grace!

Leader: People of the Holy Spirit, it's time to celebrate our close relationship with God sustained by the Spirit's guidance.

People: As long as we live, we will proclaim that God is good and God's steadfast love will endure forever!

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Rev. 4:8-11
Reginald Heber, 1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



**ALL-CHURCH
THANKSGIVING
FEAST POTLUCK**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
(after worship)
ANDERSON LOUNGE

Bring a side dish to share. The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will provide ham, table service and drinks.

After dinner, Julie Enterline Scott and Elaina Scott will talk about their recent trip to Tanzania.

This Week

AT ZION'S

- The Ministry of Service and Missions will meet Monday at 6:00.
The Knitters will meet Tuesday at 1:00.
- The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Tuesday at 2:00 in the Anderson Lounge.
- Consistory will meet Wednesday at 5:45.
- Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday at 6:00.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Messiah rehearsals begin today at 1:00 at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street.
- The Good Shepherd Center annual meeting is Tuesday at 7:00 at The Good Shepherd Center. All board members should attend.
- Thiel College is offering a free concert on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 in their chapel. The Hermitage Piano Trio is the featured ensemble for this Fall Con Spirito Concert Series.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your steadfast love endures from age to age, O living God, for in Christ you tenderly care for your people. Instruct us in your way of humble service, that we may imitate his saving deeds who humbled himself for our salvation and is now exalted with you in splendor for ever and ever. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "He Is Exalted"

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will
praise him. He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev-er ex-alt-ed and I will
praise his name! — He is the Lord, for - ev-er his truth shall
reign; heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly name.
He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high. _____

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Our Grateful Song" Besig/Price

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. 23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23: 1-12 NLV (back of bulletin)

SERMON "True Greatness"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "An Offering" Bethany K. Smith

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*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 "Crown Him King of Kings" Damazio/Tornquist