Exodus 20: 1-17 NIV

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

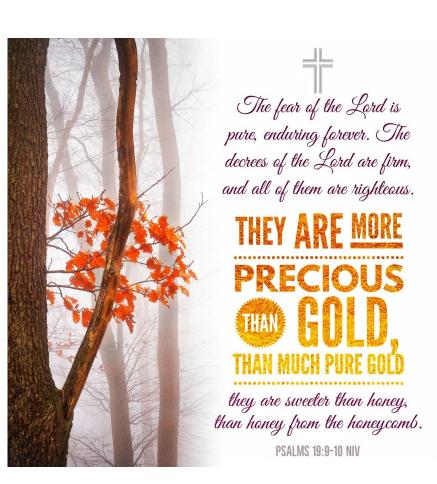
"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Psalm 19: 10-14 NIV

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.







Welcome to Zíon's Reformed Church!

We're glad you're here!

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler today. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of E. O. and Ina Davis, by the Baker Family.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Vanessa Saylor, Liam Adams and Ann Fowler.

Serving Communion are Carol Saal, Pat Seiple, Bob Fischer, George Donner and John Enterline.

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

Everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee and conversation in the Anderson Lounge after the service.

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



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION Our preschool is currently accepting registration for the Fall. Classes meet Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9:00-11:30. Children ages 3-5 are welcome! Please call the church office for a registration form.



The Preschool is holding a TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-1:00 in Fisher Hall.

You may begin bringing in items for the sale on April 2. Please take them to Fisher Hall.



The Good Shepherd Center request for **March is 75 boxes** of Suddenly Salad to be used for Easter distribution.

MARCH SCHEDULE

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on March 10.

Consistory will meet March 13 at 6:00.

Palm Sunday is March 24 and Rev. Tim Morrison will lead worship.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service is March 28 at 7:00 in the sanctuary and Rev. Glenn Sadler will lead worship.

Easter Sunday Communion Service is March 31 at 10:30 and Rev. Glenn Sadler will lead worship.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse March 7 at 6:00, March 14 at 7:00, and March 21 at 6:00. 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. March 3, 2024 10:30 a.m. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jodie Enterline, 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 Kaleb Deeter, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~ PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread" Ross Anderson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Our hearts are open to you, O God!
- People: We will sing praises to You!
- Leader: We will tell of your greatness among the nations of the world.
- People: We will tell of your steadfast love, from generation to generation.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 28 "For The Beauty of the Earth"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

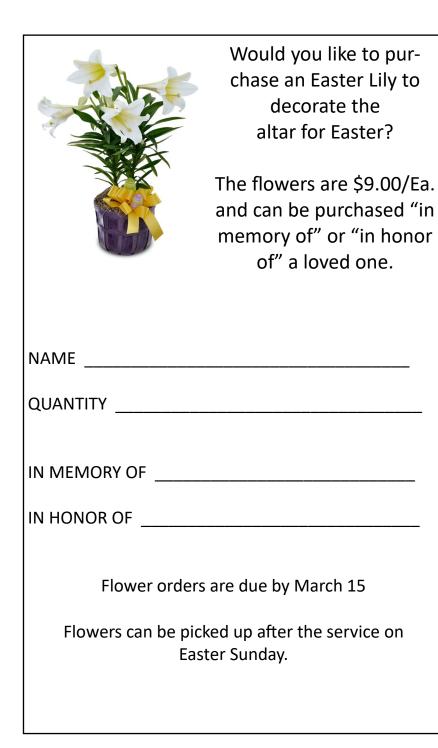
***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

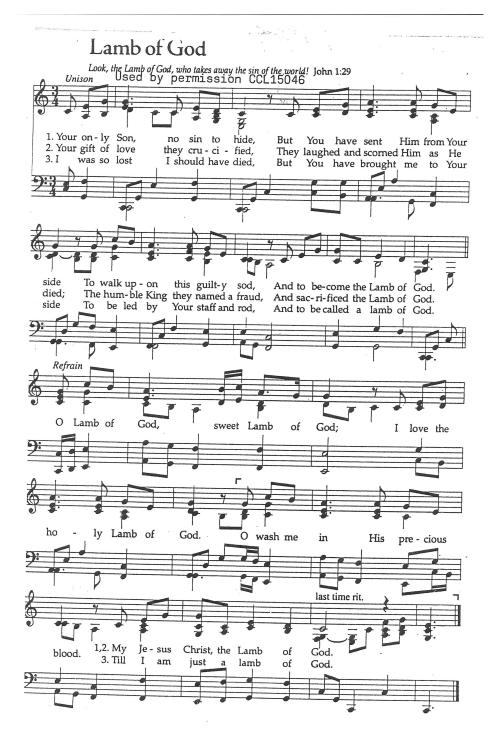
Gracious God, Creator and Father, we come before you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have preferred our way to Christ's way; we have disobeyed your commandments; and we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. Forgive us, restore in us the knowledge of who we are, and make us alive to serve you in faith, obedience, and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE



*A SONG OF PRAISE "Glory Be to God, Creator"





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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Forward by Faith" Cindy Berry

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.

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE - CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS (back of bulletin) Exodus 20: 1-17 NIV Psalm 19: 10-14 NIV

SERMON "Living in God's Presence"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" R. Anderson *Doxology No. 780 *Prayer of Dedication

*COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb of God" (bulletin page 8)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.
- People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER Leader: God be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to God. Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High. People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus. Now as they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: Take and eat, this is by Body. Then Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to his disciples and said: Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history and we say boldly what we believe:

ALL: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died!

ALL: Amen

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*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**

*POSTLUDE "Game of Patience" Op. 25, No. 2 Genari Karganov