

Hebrew Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9 NIV

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it up on a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21 NIV

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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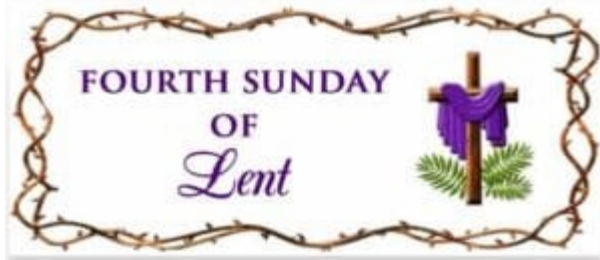
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*Good morning and welcome to
Zion's Reformed Church!*

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will be leading worship today. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Dick and Marilyn Rowland, by Teri, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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

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

Today we will receive The One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins, seat cushions and copies of the sermon are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

Consistory will meet Wednesday at 6:00.

The Min. of Welcoming and Fellowship will meet Thursday at 4:30.

Chancel Choir will rehearse Thursday at 7:00.



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

Please place your donations in one of the barrels by March 15

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24 at 10:30 am

Worship led by Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

MARCH 28 at 7:00 pm

Worship led by Rev. Glenn Sadler

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

MARCH 31 at 10:30 am

Worship led by Rev. Glenn Sadler



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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024 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 Betty Langietti, 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 "Like a River Glorious" Gina Sprunger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God.

People: And we know we do not gather alone.

Leader: We gather with all the saints.

People: As well as with the community of saints who have gone before us.

Leader: We continue on this our Lenten journey.

People: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 208 "God Loved the World"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: During the season of Lent, we ponder the frail, fallen condition of our world.

People: **The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Leader: We feel a deep sorrow and awareness that something is not right.

People: **The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Leader: We wonder if God's hand has been removed from our lives.

People: **The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Leader: We recall the words of Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

People: **The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we are bewildered by the chaos of our world. We sometimes wonder where you are, and how you could allow so much pain and sorrow. Draw near us, Lord, and grant us a sense of your steadfast love. Restore us through your grace. We bring our anxieties to you, and trust in your Holy Spirit's guidance. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God our Holy and Divine Parent runs towards us with infinite love and grace.

People: **May the mercy we experience transform our hearts, our minds, and our souls.**

Leader: Embrace God's grace and love as we reach out to our Divine Parent.

People: **Praise and thanks be to God who forgives us and sets us free.**



*"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.....
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine..."*

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five. Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message - our light is on a light stand, for all to see - shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today. Please write "OGHS" on your check or envelope.



Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter?

The flowers are \$9.00/Ea. and can be purchased "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one.

NAME _____

QUANTITY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Flower orders are due by March 15.

Please return this form to the church office.

*A SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
(bulletin page 7)

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Understanding Ritual"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Let All the World Rejoice and Sing" Joseph Martin

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

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9
Gospel Lesson John 3: 14-21

SERMON "Ideals and Idols"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Meditation on When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross" arr. John G. Barr

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We offer these gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that you will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where natural disaster has befallen, may these gifts help build new life. Where refugees seek safety from violence and fear, may these gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Thank you, God, for the privilege of this offering. May it indeed do more than we can image! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 489 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Introduction and Frughetta" Carson Cooman

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

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