

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our loved ones, by Ron and Betty Mink and family.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of Eli and Sylvia Donner and Dr. Robert and Hilda Thomas and Robert M. Donner, by Eleanore Donner.

Julie Hills will provide piano accompaniment today while Lori is on vacation.

Ushering today are Karen Galus, Dan Douthett, Vanessa Saylor and Chris Stockner.

Serving Communion are Teri Swartzbeck, Vikki Young, Chris Stockner, Dan Douthett, and Karen Galus.

We do not hold Church Happening in the summer. The children are invited to stay for the entire service.

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

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so gon-na live so God can use me (I'm gon-na live so) (God can use me)

Chords: F, Bb/F, F, Gm/F, F

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

Chords: F7, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, F, Bb/F

where.) I'm gon-na live so gon-na live ~ so) God can use me

Chords: F, N.C., F, Bb/F, F, A7

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

Chords: Dm, Bb6, F/C, Dm7, G7, C7, F, Bb/F, F

2 I'm gonna work... 3 I'm gonna pray... 4 I'm gonna sing...

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

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Bless-ed be the name of the Lord. He is wor-thy to be praised and a -

dored. So we lift up ho - ly hands in one ac - cord, sing-ing,

"Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name,

bless - ed be the name of the Lord."

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Steve Craft

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

**Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.*

June 2, 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

Josie Harbaugh, 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

"I Look To The Shepherd"

Walt Harrah

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

People: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

People: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

People: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Leader: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 84 "This Is the Day"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you call us like a good parent to guide and protect us, to nourish and lead us. Loving Jesus, you call us like a caring elder brother to serve us and help us, to cheer us and invite us. Healing Spirit, you call us and move us ever closer into fellowship with you and each other. Yet like unruly children, we sometimes strain against your guidance, attempting to break away and do things on our own. We feel our strength and imagine ourselves to be all-powerful. We rejoice in our lives and imagine ourselves to be immortal. But in truth, we are dependent on you. Forgive us, renew us, and draw us back into your loving embrace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”
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~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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.

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SERMON “Following the Rules”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “Make Me a Servant”

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 329 “Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts”

HOLY COMMUNION

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 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
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*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”