

Hebrew Reading 1 Samuel 8: 4-15

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants

Mark 3:20-35

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come in fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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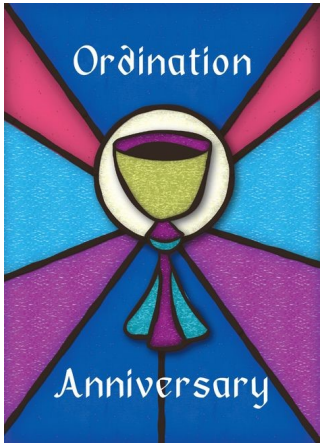
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They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

1 Samuel 8:5



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

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Lloyd Harter, by Sandy Harter.

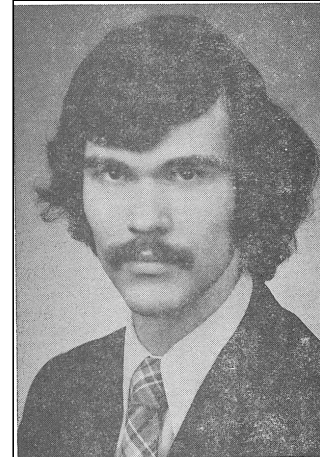
The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of my mother and father and in honor of the 50th anniversary of my ordination, by Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison.

Ushering today are Sherry Winner, Dan Douthett, Vanessa Saylor and Chris Stockner.

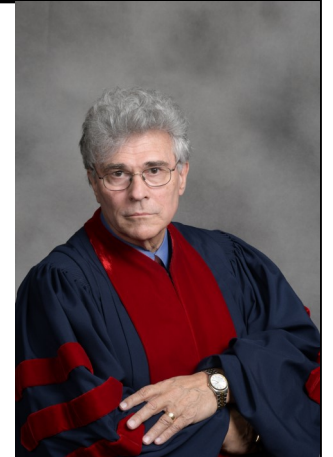
We do not hold Church Happening in the summer. The children are invited to stay for the entire service.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for cake in celebration of Tim's ordination anniversary.

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



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Today we celebrate Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Timothy Arthur Morrison, son of Emery and Helen (Honey) Morrison was born on July 18, 1949 in Greenville. He was raised in the life and worship of Zion's Reformed congregation and was confirmed on April 15, 1962 by the Rev. Paul C. Shumaker. Tim graduated with honors from Greenville High School, Lehigh University and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

Some of the participants in Tim's ordination were Rev. Paul Westcoat, Conference Minister; Rev. Robert K. Nace, Senior Pastor at Zion's and Tim's pastor for 11 years; Rev. Phillip King, Associate Pastor of Zion's; and Elder Emery Morrison, Tim's father.

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

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 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.

June 9, 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

Connie Hittle, 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

Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Franz Schubert, Op.120

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as a people of diverse backgrounds and experiences shaping who we are today.

People: But out of diversity, we are one in Christ.

Leader: Of different ages and abilities, we gather as daughters and sons of God.

People: But out of diversity, we are one in Christ.

Leader: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity.

People: Together let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 386 "The Church's One Foundation"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us draw near to God as we also feel God drawing nearer to us.

All: We know that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. We confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us. Move us to open up our lives. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God promises us forgiveness, mercy and grace.

**All: Forgiveness provides the threshold to new life.
Thanks be to God.**

***A SONG OF PRAISE** "There is a Redeemer" (bulletin page 6)

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

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "What's in Dr. T's Bag?"

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art"
Lori Seinar-Roknick, piano and vocals

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.

SCRIPTURES Hebrew reading 1 Samuel 8: 4-15
Gospel Mark 3:20-35

SERMON "Are They Out of Their Minds?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sun of My Soul" Lani Smith

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, Gracious God, for your care over us. Receive these gifts that we bring and bless them and through these offerings may lives be touched and conditions improved throughout creation. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 395** "In Christ There is No East or West"

***THE BENEDICTION** and **TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***THE POSTLUDE** "The Glory of God in Nature" L. V. Beethoven

Parts of today's liturgy are taken and adapted from the liturgy being used at this morning's combined conference worship.