

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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WE WALK
by
Faith
NOT BY SIGHT
2 corinthians 5.7



Welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

**We're glad you're
here!**

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my dad Howard King, by Carol Ann Cash.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of Jim Saal, by Carol and family.

Ushering today are Karen Galus, 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 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
WILL HOLD A **HEALTH FAIR** IN
ANDERSON LOUNGE

Thursday, June 20 from 1:00-3:30.

Ruth Herrick, GSC Board Member is coordinating the event.

Representatives include:

Greenville Nutrition (their milkshakes are yummy!)

Our Oasis (have you tried their salt room?)

Walberg Pharmacy

Emergycare

UPMC, Heart and Vascular Unit

Mercer County Community Transit

MERP of UPMC

Baughman Community Center

St. Paul's Without Walls

.....and more!

COME AND CHECK IT OUT!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, June 19: Ministry of Youth and CE meeting 2:00.

Saturday, June 22: Memorial service for Paul Dart in the Chapel at 11:00. Lunch to follow in the Anderson Lounge.

Sunday, June 23: Congregational Meeting after worship. Election of elders. Nominations are Lynn Rinella, Bill Henry, Debbie Woodworth.

Sunday, June 30: Prayer Chain meeting after worship in the chapel.

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), alt.; vs. 2 rev. Mary Babcock Crawford (1909-)
MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)

TERRA BEATA
S.M.D.

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 16, 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

Linda Allison, 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

"Love is Flowing"

Arlene Sims/John Purifoy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to encounter our Living God.

People: **Our God is mighty, powerful and just.**

Leader: No matter what happens in our world, we have nothing to fear.

People: **Our God will help us. Our God will provide us with what we need. Thanks be to God!**

*OPENING HYMN "This is My Father's World" (bulletin page 6)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, forgive our disbelief. Too often, we doubt your re-creative power. We often give up too easily on you and forget that you really do want to give us every good gift. When we don't get our own way, we even begin to doubt that you are real. Why do you keep on forgiving us? Why is your love for us so generous, so enduring? Once again we ask to be restored, forgiven and filled with a new sense of purpose. Have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Unison

1 Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God the
 (2) was in the be - gin-ning, it is now and so shall
 (3) ho - ly God Al-might-y, ho-ly, ho - ly Prince of

Son, glo-ry be to God the Spir - it, known as
 be in a world with-out an end - ing, glo - ry
 Peace, ho - ly, ho - ly Wind of Pres - ence, ho - ly,

1, 2 3
 Three, yet God the One. 2 As it
 through e - ter - ni - ty. 3 Ho-ly,
 ho - ly, ho - ly. A - men.

~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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord send your spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SCRIPTURES 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (back of bulletin)

Mark 4:26-34 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "The Mustard Seed"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" Ben Logan

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 547 "Amazing Grace"**

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

***THE POSTLUDE "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Garrett Parker**