

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

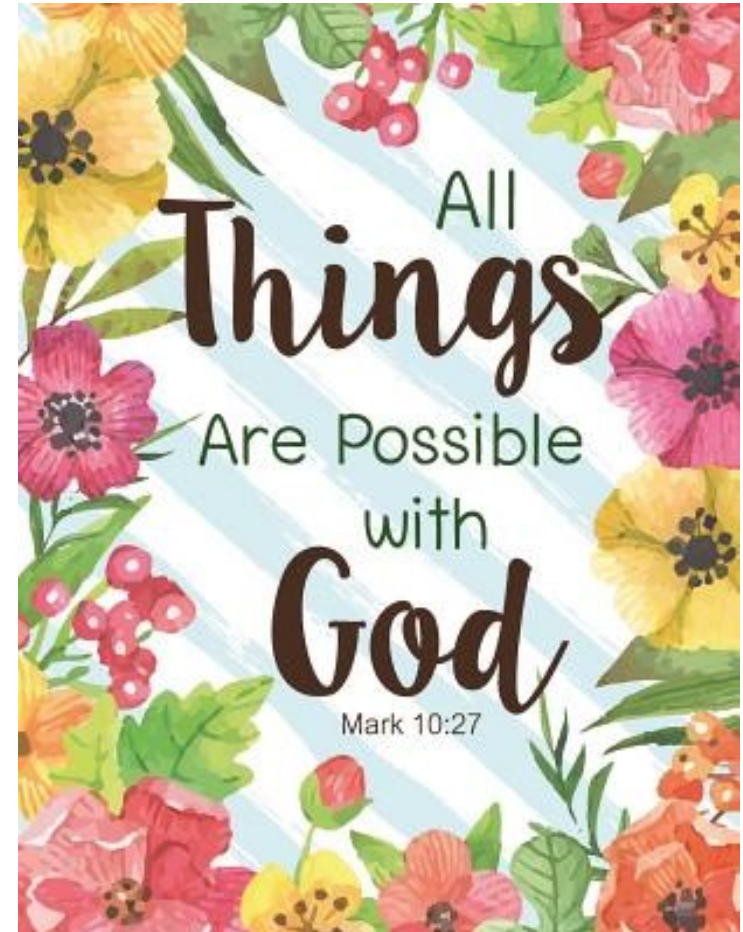
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The altar flowers are placed in memory of my son Steven and daughter Cindy, by Myrna Snyder and Family.

Ushering this month are Karen Galus, Teri Swartzbeck, Chris Stockner and Josie Harbaugh.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after the Children's Sermon for Church Happening.

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.

Hebrew 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**CON SPIRITO CONCERT  
AT THIEL COLLEGE**

Thiel College proudly invites you to attend a free concert featuring the Dorian Woodwind Quintet, the featured ensemble for the next Con Spirito Concert Series concert on **Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel.**

The Greenville community is indeed fortunate to have this amazing quintet perform in our own backyard. Please come!

-Michael Bray, Professor Emeritus  
Thiel College



**GREENVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT**

The Greenville Symphony Orchestra will host its first concert of the 96th season "The Bright Lights of Broadway" at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at the William A. Passavant Center at Thiel College.

Tickets are available at the door, \$25 general admission, with children and students (up through college age with ID) receiving complimentary admission.  
Doors will open at 2:00 p.m.

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Rev. Steven L. Craft, Senior Pastor  
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

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

October 13, 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 Anita Powell, 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 and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT  
Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Larry Shackley

\*GATHERING SONG "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (sing twice)



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.

**People: We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.**

Leader: Place your trust in God's power and love.

**People: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

**People: Praise God for God's eternal presence.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 306 "The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS - Pat Seiple, Vanessa Saylor, Karen Galus, Dan Douthett, Debbie Woodworth, Lynn Rinel-la, Gary Hittle, and Bill Henry.

**GREETING**

LEADER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

**HURRICANE RELIEF**

The UCC has launched an appeal and opportunities to support recovery efforts following the devastating path Hurricane Helene has left across the Southeast United States. Andrew Long-Higgins, team leader of UCC Global H.O.P.E. described the importance of meeting the immediate needs of communities most impacted by Helene with shelter, food, debris removal and clean up services, hygiene kits, and, in some cases, drinking water.

We will be receiving monetary contributions throughout the month of October and will also have a NOISY OFFERING on October 20 to support the relief efforts of the UCC.

Please make your check payable to Zion's Reformed Church and mark "Hurricane Relief" on your check or envelope.

Cash or checks will be received throughout October.



Noisy Offering will be received NEXT SUNDAY!

*noisy offerings*

\*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Taize (sing twice)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
you alone O Lord are Holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.**

\*THE POSTLUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Roussaki and Seidel

**PEOPLE: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

LEADER: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

**PEOPLE: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.**

LEADER: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

**PEOPLE: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

LEADER: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

**PEOPLE: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.**

LEADER: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

**PEOPLE: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.**

PRESENTATION

Leader: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT

LEADER: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

INDIVIDUALS: I am.

LEADER: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

INDIVIDUALS: I do, relying on God's grace.

LEADER: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

*All who are able, please stand.*

**PEOPLE: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

**PEOPLE: AMEN**

DECLARATION

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ, you are installed as members of Consistory.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

LEADER: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN NO. 539 "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

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 4:12-16 (bulletin page 11)  
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SERMON "Too Attached"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*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.**