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May 12, 2024

# ZELTENREICH REFORMED CHURCH

Lord's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2024; 10:30 am

As you enter for worship, please join others in quietly preparing to worship the Lord.

## GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Silent Prayer & Call to Worship*

*Votum and Salutation †*

*Song of Praise †*

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

TPH 239

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Law of God: Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18*

*Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison Prayer)*

**Dear Lord God, it is as real that we are sinners before you as it is that we have been conceived; our birth, our nature, our thoughts, words, works, and our entire beings are sinful. We are corrupt like the fig tree that bore no fruit and by nature we are children of sin and wrath. As long as this nature remains with us we are sinners and must say: Forgive us our debts. So, we confess our sins as you command, in order that you may be just when you spare the penitent from the judgment facing those who do not repent. Lord, we are evil-doers and sinners against your divine commandment. Help us, for we are helpless. Amen.**

*Personal Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 51:7*

*Song of Assurance †*

*"Come to the Waters"*

TPH 444

*(Song of the month)*

## OFFERINGS

*Offertory Prayer*

*Giving of Tithes*

† Congregation standing as you are able

*Offertory Text: Hebrews 13:15-16*

*Congregational Prayer 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.**

## GOD'S WORD

*Baptism of Maria Katherine Denlinger*

*Song of Preparation † "I Called upon the LORD in My Distress" TPH 120*

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 120*

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Sermon: The Ascent of His Servants*

*Prayer of Application*

*Song of Application † "Come, Bless the LORD with One Accord" TPH 134*

## LORD'S SUPPER

*Formulary and Instruction for the Lord's Supper*

*Short Form I (Forms and Prayers page 50)*

*Distribution of the Elements and Prayer ††*

## DISMISSAL

*Benediction †*

*Doxology † "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" TPH 570*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

†† The outer ring of communion cups contains wine, and the inner rings contain grape juice. The wafers are gluten-free.

Sermon Notes  
The Ascent of His Servants  
Psalm 120

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 12, 2024; 6:00 pm

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Votum and Salutation

\* Song of Praise

*God Himself Is With Us*

TPH 164

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 22  
(TPH 881 or *Forms and Prayers 223*)

Congregational Prayer

\* Song of Preparation

*O LORD, I Will Extol You*

TPH 30

Scripture Reading  
**I Corinthians 15**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

**The Ascent Everlasting**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Application

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

TPH 23A

\*Benediction

\*Doxology

*Gloria Patri*

TPH 572

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

\* Congregation standing as you are able

Sermon Notes  
The Ascent Everlasting  
I Corinthians 15

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MADISON, IN Rev. Collin & Nicole Welch – Madison Reformed Church

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ! This summer will mark our fourth year of church planting efforts here in the Ohio River Valley. In 2020 we began with three families, totaling 15 souls. We now have 50 in membership, which have come from near and far. In our one-room church rental our Lord's Day services are lively and the singing is loud.



Although some of our adult members had experience in Reformed churches in the past, none were born and baptized in them. The Heidelberg Catechism is therefore brand new to our covenant children and teens, over half of our membership. Those who have taken up the challenge of memorizing parts of the catechism have already begun to reap rewards. One new family couldn't believe how quickly their three children memorized Q&A 1 and were amazed to hear them reciting with the rest of our youth those blessed words, "That I am not my own..."



To encourage our youth and to help our families take first steps in catechesis, we held a Summer Catechism Challenge last summer. Different age groupings of the youth were assigned a number of Q&As. At the end of the summer, they recited several of them to me in person. The following Lord's Day, we held a celebration lunch at a nearby park and handed out certificates. It was a great day.

The last year has also seen new visitors, the result of our members faithfully engaging with people in our community throughout the week, hosting them at their homes, and inviting them to church. So, over the last several months we've tried out short-term mid-week gatherings to provide opportunities for fellowship and to welcome new visitors. These included sermon discussion gatherings at local parks and pubs, where attendees discussed questions from the previous Sunday's sermons, as well as "Get to Know MRC" meetings to help new people understand the marks of our church without needing first to commit to membership classes.

In the midst of all these and many other happenings, the greatest joy is to see people lean on Christ, wait patiently on their heavenly Father, and bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Although midweek gatherings and summer challenges have been helpful and useful, these Triune graces are most evident in our Lord's Day assemblies. To God alone be the glory!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Collin Welch

We are a member congregation of the United Reformed Churches in North America.

We are glad that God led you to worship with us today. We are a Church of sinners saved by God's grace to us in Christ, and we pray that you will receive a rich blessing.

This morning we will be observing The Lord's Supper as part of our worship. **If you are a visitor, please refer to the yellow card in the pew rack for instructions on participation. The outer ring of communion cups contains wine, and the inner rings contain grape juice.** The wafers in the communion plate are gluten-free.

A cry room with a video monitor is located off the narthex. It is available for your use to attend to the needs of your infant or toddler. Worship activity pages for children are available from the greeters. All Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

May Open/Close & Coffee: Tim and Wilma Bender

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This morning Pastor Robert M. Godfrey will preach from Psalm 120 on *The Ascent of His Servants* and this evening from I Corinthians 15 on *The Ascent Everlasting*.

#### **Sunday, May 12, 2024**

9:15 am Sunday School and Catechism

10:30 am Worship Service and Lord's Supper

5:45 pm Hymn and Psalm Sing

6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

#### **Monday, May 13, 2024**

7:00 pm Education Meeting

#### **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

7:00 pm ESL

#### **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

7:00 pm Prayer

#### **Thursday, May 16, 2024**

7:00 pm Consistory

#### **Saturday, May 18, 2024**

8:00 am Ladies' Bible Study

#### **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

9:15 am Sunday School and Catechism

10:30 am Worship Service and Lord's Supper

12:00 pm Fellowship Meal

5:45 pm Hymn and Psalm Sing

6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

#### **Save the Date**

July 7<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> – No Sunday School

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