



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Spiritual Practices of Jesus

September 26, 2021

Prelude

Ode to Joy

We are Called to Worship – Look and see! We worship a God who looks after the ravens of the sky and the lilies of the field. Notice the way God cares for creation, the way God cares for you. Let us awaken our hearts to what God is doing in our midst. Let us worship.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Chime Choir

Faith

We Hear God's Word

Luke 12:22-32 (CEB)

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ There is more to life than food and more to the body than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens:

they neither plant nor harvest, they have no silo or barn, yet God feeds them. You are worth so much more than birds! ²⁵ Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? ²⁶ If you can't do such a small thing, why worry about the rest? ²⁷ Notice how the lilies grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, how much more will God do for you, you people of weak faith! ²⁹ Don't chase after what you will eat and what you will drink. Stop worrying. ³⁰ All the nations of the world long for these things. Your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom.

Meditation

The Spiritual Practices of Jesus: Attentiveness

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—God has provided for us in so many ways. Let us give thanks to God for all that God does. Let us stop and notice all that God has done. Let us return to God, with thanksgiving, a portion of what we have received, so that together we can do God's work.

Using our Gifts and Talents: An Invitation to Council—We are blessed here at Zion with so many amazing people who use their gifts and talents to make our ministry possible. Year after year folks answer the call to serve on our council, providing essential leadership and direction that allows us to answer God's call. It is that time of the year when we are asking you to discern whether or not God is calling you to serve in this way. We have three 2022-2023 positions to fill, and we will have one 2021-2022 position that will be vacant and need a volunteer to serve the remainder of the term. If you have any questions, see a current council member. It is challenging but rewarding work that the council does, and we promise we do have fun, too!

September Benevolence—Since 1994 Horizon House has been serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness, meeting them where they are and providing them with shelter, safety, and services to improve their quality of life. The mission of Horizon House is this: "Horizon House is a full-service

agency that connects individuals experiencing homelessness with integrated, comprehensive services. We provide a safe place and basic services as they take steps towards a more stable life.” Your gifts to Horizon House will directly support our neighbors.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology

We Give Thanks—God, thank you for all that you do each and every moment of our lives. Open our hearts to the abundant blessings you provide. Use the gifts we bring this day to further your mission in this world. Bless our very lives that we might help build your kingdom here and now. Amen.

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful, #30 (v. 1 & 4)

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing—Consider the ravens. Notice the lilies. Awaken your hearts to what God is doing among us, and go forth this day to serve and enrich the world around you. Amen.

Postlude

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