



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021

Prelude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

We are Called to Worship – The God of mercy and grace has called us together this day to experience the healing and restoring presence of Jesus Christ. Let us open our lives to receive God's mercy in our worship this day. 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— Merciful God, you always hear us when we cry out. You stay close when we are in distress. It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil. Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears, for we can taste and see that you are indeed good. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, O God, our redeemer and our strength...=

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.

We Hear God's Word

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, a blind beggar, was sitting by the

roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ ⁵²Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Meditation

Lord, Have Mercy

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—We bring out gifts this day to God—gifts of time, talent, and resources. We do so knowing that God can transform these simple and humble gifts into acts of mercy and grace.

October Benevolence—Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

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

Doxology

We Give Thanks—God, bless these gifts we bring this day. May they be a sign of our dedication and commitment to living out the mercy that you have shown us. Help these gifts to support the mission and ministry to which you have called us as we share your Good News with the world. Let us, together through this ministry, be a source of light and hope to your people. Amen.

Hymn

Great Is the Lord, #50

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing— Beloved, may the healing of Christ, the [mercy] of God, and the strengthening power of the Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen.=

Postlude

Amen!

= Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ (p. 217). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

