

# WORSHIP WITH ZION

## SUMMER 2023



*Serve & Enrich*  
Zion United Church  
of Christ

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

### **Prelude**

*Children's Melody*

**Gathering**— Come into God's presence. All are welcome here. Come, saints and sinners alike. We are all God's children. Faith has brought us here. Grace will make us whole. Come! Let us worship.~

**A Time of Prayer**— Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.~

**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.

### **Choir**

*For All Our Days*

### **We Hear God's Word**

*Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSV)*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of

Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

## **Meditation**

*The Journey Begins*

## **Hymn**

*O God Our Help in Ages Past, 84*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**— God, who knows our needs and our wants, gives us all we have and invites us to give in gratitude and joy so that we can bless others as we have been blessed. Let us worship God through our offerings, in thankfulness and love.=

**June Benevolence**—Emergency Assistance Fund

## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. Amen.~

## **Hymn**

*He Leadeth Me, 499*

**Benediction**— Go to the places God sends you. Bless the people Christ calls you to bless. Strengthen the faith of the hopeless and despairing. Go with God’s blessings.~

## **Postlude**

*Sunshine and Joy Medley*