

WORSHIP WITH ZION

SUMMER 2023



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Be Thou My Stay

Gathering— People of God, you are welcome here! We live in an unsure world, but don't let that tarnish your sparkle. Called to be the light of the world, shine bright. Let us turn to God in worship that we might ignite our hearts to do good things, extend God's welcome, and bring our praise.

A Time of Prayer—God, indeed, you have welcomed us here. You have called us to be a welcoming light in this unsure world. Give us courage to let your light shine brightly through us. May we be bold in the invitation we extend. May we be brave in our witness to your love. May we be open to the new things you are calling us to do.

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

Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB)

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Meditation

A Welcoming Light

Hymn

Here I Am, 559

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation— Ours is a generous God who has called us to share light and love. Let us bring to God in gratitude the gifts we have received that they might be used to let God's light shine bright through our ministry at Zion as

we fulfill the mission we've been given to be a welcoming light in an unsure world.

July Benevolence—God's Bounty Food Pantry

Special Offering—Strengthen the Church

Doxology

We Give Thanks—God of light and love, we bring before you this day a portion of what you have given to us. We dedicate these gifts that they might be used to shine a bright and welcoming light into this broken and hurting world. Breathe your Spirit into these gifts and the ones who give that they might be readied to fulfill your work in our community. Amen.

Hymn

We All Are One in Mission, 552

A Blessing for Extending God's Welcome

Benediction—The God of light and love has welcomed you into the Kin-dom of God. Ignited by Christ's embrace, never hide your light but let it shine bright that others might see the good you do and praise our wondrous God. Go forth into the world to serve and to shine.

Postlude

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