

WORSHIP WITH ZION

FALL 2023



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

There's a Quiet Understanding

Gathering— Let's thank the Lord, for the Lord is good. God's love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare God's praise? Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. Our God is worthy of our Praise! Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people that we may enjoy your blessings. Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love and abundant grace.+

Gathering Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, 2x, 88

A Time of Prayer—Gracious God, we thank you for all that you provide and the blessings we receive daily from you. We know that, at times, we feel hopeless amid so much uncertainty in our world, but we trust you, O God, to bring us peace. And to give us comfort when we are overwhelmed with anxiety. Please help us be calm in the chaos around us and give us the strength to overcome. Gracious God, we bring all our concerns, doubts, and insecurities with the confidence that you are walking with us and guiding us with your Holy Spirit. Mold us into the vessels you want us to be, full of hope and joy and praise.+

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.

Exploring God's Word for All Ages

Bring Your Praise

We Hear God's Word—*Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, 43-48 (CEB)*

Paula Prange

106 Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.

² Who could possibly repeat all of the LORD's mighty acts
or publicly recount all his praise?

³ The people who uphold justice,
who always do what is right, are truly happy!

⁴ Remember me, LORD, with the favor you show your people.
Visit me with your saving help

⁵ so I can experience the good things your chosen ones experience,
so I can rejoice in the joy of your nation,
so I can praise along with your possession.

⁶ We have sinned—right along with our ancestors.
We've done what is wrong.
We've acted wickedly.

¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb,
bowing down to a metal idol.

²⁰ They traded their glorious God
for an image of a bull that eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them—
the one who had done great things in Egypt,

²² wondrous works in the land of Ham,
awesome deeds at the Reed Sea.

²³ So God determined that he would destroy them—
except for the fact that Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the way, right in front of him,
and turned God's destructive anger away.

⁴³ God delivered them numerous times,
but they were determined to rebel,
and so they were brought down by their own sin.

⁴⁴ But God saw their distress
when he heard their loud cries.

⁴⁵ God remembered his covenant for their sake,
and because of how much faithful love he has,
God changed his mind.

⁴⁶ God allowed them to receive compassion
from all their captors.

⁴⁷ LORD our God, save us!

Gather us back together from among all the nations
so we can give thanks to your holy name
and rejoice in your praise!

⁴⁸ Bless the LORD, the God of Israel,
from forever ago to forever from now!
And let all the people say, “Amen!”

Praise the LORD!

Meditation

Until We Ourselves Are An Act of Praise

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living, 22

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—All we have comes from you, O Lord. So, we give our offerings and tithes with generous hearts in thanksgiving for all you do for us. May these gifts given today offer hope in proclaiming and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior with all the world.+

October Benevolence—Global Ministries

Special Offering—Neighbors in Need

Doxology

We Give Thanks—Take our offerings and tithes, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the least of these needs and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. Amen!+

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, 113

Benediction— May the Love of the Creator sustain you! May the peace of Jesus flow through you! May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill you with grace! And give you the courage to share the good news! Amen!+

Postlude

Coronation March