



WORSHIP WITH ZION

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Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Morning

Praise for Father's Day

by Kirk Loadman, adapted by Debra Mooney

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

****Hymn**

Faith of Our Fathers, 530

Gathering—We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.” Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise.+

Prayer—Merciful One, when life beats us down, you reach out and restore us to health and wholeness. Surprise us once more, O God, with your never-failing grace and the light of your love.~

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—Napttime! It's good for you. What does “sabbath” mean to you?

We Hear God's Word—*Mark 2:23-3:6(NRSV)*

Paula Prange

²³ One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?’ ²⁵And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.’ ²⁷Then he said to them, ‘The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.’

³Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’ ⁴Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch

out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Meditation

Sabbath Rules

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory, 569

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—If we take a moment to reflect where our rich blessings come from, we know they are from the Lord. Let us acknowledge God as the source of our blessings through offering our gifts and ourselves.=

Opportunities to Serve

June Benevolence—Our Church’s Wider Mission

We Give Thanks—God of every harvest, we offer our lives and the fruit of our labors to you that we may proclaim the life of Jesus Christ, the true gift to all. Amen.=

Hymn

Come All Christians Join to Sing, 87

Benediction—The extraordinary power of God leads us on our journeys of faith. With the blessings of Sabbath rest and the healing of God’s love, go to be a blessing.~

Postlude

Marche Heroique