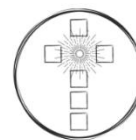




WORSHIP WITH ZION

Summer 2024



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Gathering

Psalm 111 (NRSVUE)

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,

in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

****Hymn**

I Worship You, Almighty God, 69 (2x)

As the Deer, 471

He Has Made Me Glad, 657 (2x)

Prayer—Holy God, we come together in your presence to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise. We remember your covenant and acknowledge your abiding presence. Envelop us in your glory, strengthen us to confront the weariness of the world, challenge us to spread the good news, and empower us to be the church you have created us to be.+

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—Abide

We Hear God's Word—*John 6:51-58 (NRSVUE)*

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Meditation

Abide Worldwide

Hymn

Abide with Me, 521

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Christ, our living bread, has given his flesh for the life of the world. Filled with the Spirit, let us offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.=

Opportunities to Serve

August Benevolence—Global Ministries

Doxology

We Give Thanks—We give thanks to you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. Breathe on these gifts we bring, that through

them your life may feed, strengthen, and bless this world, through Christ, our bread of life. Amen.=

Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, 496

Benediction—May you experience the fullness of life. May abundance be your regular portion. May grace, hope, and generosity be your guide. And may the joy of the Holy One sustain all your days. God in peace to love and serve.+

Postlude

March of the Noble