



WORSHIP WITH ZION

Summer 2024



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

A Celtic Pastorale

Gathering

Psalm 84:1-5 (NRSVUE)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

²My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your
house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*

³Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in
you,
in whose heart are the highways to
Zion.

****Hymn**

Think About His Love, 57
You're Worthy of My Praise, 648
Shout to the Lord, 94

Prayer—God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray.~

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—Savoring God's Words of Life

We Hear God's Word—John 6:56-69 (NRSVUE)

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.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Meditation*Lectio Divina***Hymn***Wonderful Words of Life, 668***We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

Invitation—With wonderful words of life, with living bread and cup, Christ offers the nourishment we need to love our neighbors. Let us dedicate to God our lives and our resources so that this work might be sustained.

Opportunities to Serve**August Benevolence**—Global Ministries**Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace. Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples—

disciples who share freely with your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. Amen.~

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, 437

Benediction—Fed and nourished, with the living word as your guide, go forth to share the words of life by your living and your speaking and your doing. May the Holy One be with you always. Amen.

Postlude

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