



# WORSHIP WITH ZION

## Summer 2024



*Serve & Enrich*  
Zion United Church  
of Christ

*The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

### **Prelude**

*Traumerei: Reverie*

**Gathering**—The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth; it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade. Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming. Thanks be to God! =

### **\*\*Hymn**

*We All Are One in Mission, 552*

**Prayer**—Oh God, creator of heaven and earth, who grants us life, may the seeds of wisdom from the ancient sacred texts grow within us so that we may bear good fruit that nourishes a hungry world. May the Holy Spirit of Pentecost descend upon us this day as we give thanks to you Holy One, in Jesus's most precious 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**—Friends in Christ

**We Hear God's Word**—*Mark 4:26-34; 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5; Haggai 2:4-9*

**Meditation:** *Dr. Nibedita Pramanik, Global Ministries Partner in Residence and Director of Evangelical Hospital Society, Khariar, India*

### **Hymn**

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning, 551*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.+

**September Benevolence**—Horizon House

### **\*\*\*Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, Mark that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.=

## **A Blessing for Dr. Pramanik and Evangelical Hospital Society**

### **Hymn**

*Pass It On, 557*

**Benediction**—Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed this day, go out and spread the seed of God's kin—dom and love to all you encounter in the Divine name who created us, who redeems us, and who sustains us. Go in peace in Jesus' name. Amen.+

### **Postlude**

*Marche Romaine*