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Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

Sunday, August 24, 2025 – Sabbatical Celebrations

Prelude

Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

Gathering—Let us give thanks for God has given us a sabbath call: to be nurtured in community, strengthened by God’s love, and renewed in the Spirit of hope.

**Gathering Song

Give Thanks, 359

Prayer—God of the Sabbath, you make this day holy. As we gather in your name, redeem the days when our focus wandered and draw us back to you. Let your wisdom, justice, and compassion guide us. Slow our pace to attend to those things that matter. Open our understanding to the good that needs to be done. Sustain us for the challenges we face, Make your name known among us and through us. We glorify and honor you in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed, in season and out of season. Amen.+

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.

Scripture—Jeremiah 1:4-9 (NRSVUE)

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4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” 7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” 9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.”

Reflection

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Hymn

Here I Am, Lord, 559

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—We invite you to participate in the kingdom of God through generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. Our financial contributions enable this church to meet the needs of our community and spread the love of God. Let us give in grateful expression of our faith and gratitude for our generous God.+

August Benevolence—Our Church's Wider Mission

****Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Gracious and Generous God, receive these gifts in faith and trust. Help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given to us and bless our generosity for your glory. Amen.+

Hymn

This is the Day (2x), 652

Benediction—On the sabbath, make God's Name known, love our neighbors, spread the good news, do justice, seek righteousness, and live in hope.+

Postlude

O Lovely,

Peace