




Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – Learning from Our Partners

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Gathering

One: Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

Many: Praise God with lives of compassion.

One: Sing with acts of kindness.

Many: Glorify God with acts of mercy.

One: Praise God with works of justice.

Many: Praise God with overflowing love.~

****Gathering Song**

God of Grace and God of Glory, 569

Prayer—God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory and grace, 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.

Scripture—Matthew 25:34-40 (CEB)

Vivian

Thomas

³⁴ “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. ³⁵ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

Reflection

Learning from Our Global Partners

Hymn 80

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—With hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts and treasures to share with those in need of God’s love.~

August Benevolence—Our Church’s Wider Mission

****Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Shepherd of love, transform these gifts into nourishment for a hungry world. May they offer shelter from the storms of life. May they bring kindness and compassion to the lost and the lonely. Transform us, even as you transform these gifts, that we might be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.~

Hymn 580

We Are Called to Be God’s People,

Benediction—Seek the lost and care for the wounded. Strengthen the weak and encourage the downtrodden. Seek justice and love mercy. Be God’s mercy and love for the world.~

Postlude

Canzona