



WORSHIP WITH ZION

Summer 2024



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk

Gathering

Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSVUE)

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.

so your^[a] faces shall never be
ashamed.

² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by
the Lord

and was saved from every trouble.

³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and
delivers them.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered
me

⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in
him.

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,

****Hymn**

Step by Step, 494 (2x)

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

Awesome God, 658 (2x)

Prayer—Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. 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—Taste and See

We Hear God's Word—*John 6:35-51(NRSVUE)*

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.”

Meditation

Taste and See

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, 72

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—In thanksgiving for all God has blessed us with, and in gratitude for all the ways God loves us, may we bring our offerings before God.~

Opportunities to Serve

August Benevolence—Global Ministries

Mission Moment—The Pacific Basin Initiative

Doxology

We Give Thanks—Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you, that you may bless them. May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. Amen.~

Hymn

Blessed Assurance, 426

Benediction—May God, the source of life, energize you with the Spirit, the power of life, and fill you with Christ, the bread of life, that you may receive eternal life.=

Postlude

A Joyous Postlude