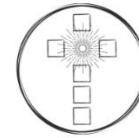




WORSHIP WITH ZION

Autumn 2024



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Idyll

Gathering—Jesus reminds us: “Whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all, for Christ came not to be served but to serve.”~

**Hymn

I Worship You, Almighty God, 69 (3x)

Prayer—God of wind and water, God of love and compassion, God of all that is and all that ever shall be, ...when James and John asked Jesus for power and glory, he told them that they would share in the bitter cup that he would drink, and in the baptism of suffering that he would endure for the world. Remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and that we are called to serve your creation in love and compassion.~

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 Together

We Hear God’s Word—*Mark 10:35-45 (NRSVUE)*

Paula Prange

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom

they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Meditation

The First Shall Be Last

Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, 572

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—In service and love, may we bring our hearts, our offerings, and our gifts to God and to God’s church.~

Opportunities to Serve: Hygiene Kits and Food Drive

October Benevolence—Neighbors in Need

****Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Great and gracious God, as you have blessed our lives and all of creation, bless the gifts we now return to you. Bless our hands and our lives, that they may serve you and your creation. Continue creating life and hope through our offerings and our ministries. May your glory and your grace shine through everything we give, everything we say, and everything we do. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.~

Hymn

We Are Called to Be God’s People, 580

Benediction—Go now to serve. Go now to love. Go with the blessing of God, and go to be blessings to the world.~

Postlude

Alleluia! Alleluia!