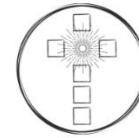




# WORSHIP WITH ZION

## Autumn 2024



*Serve & Enrich*  
Zion United Church  
of Christ

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Reformation Sunday*

### **Prelude**

*Meditation*

**Gathering**— On this Reformation Sunday, Psalm 34 invites us to taste and see that the Lord is good. It proclaims that God’s steadfast love endures forever. May our worship this day reform us and reshape us that we might experience anew the wonders of our God.

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

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, 88 (2x)*

**Prayer**—God of all ages: we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world even today. Through their witness we see and hear your truth. We bless you for all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music. Through their work we glimpse your beauty. We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful. Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort.=

**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.

### **Bell Choir**

*Joyful Canticle*

**Exploring Together**—Prayer: Shouting Out to God

**We Hear God’s Word**—*Mark 10:46-52 (NRSVUE)*

*Vivian Thomas*

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me

to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher,<sup>[a]</sup> let me see again.”<sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Meditation**

*Let Us See Again*

**Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision, 502*

**We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—God has given to us a vision at Zion to transform our community through Christ’s love as we serve and enrich one another and our neighbors. As we bring our gifts to God, may God open our eyes to the possibilities before us as we share of our resources and journey together on the way.

**Opportunities to Serve:** Food Drive and Crayon Update (18,664 crayons collected for 4,666 kids)

**October Benevolence**—Neighbors in Need

**\*\*Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind and healing to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in need and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.~

**Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, 507*

**Benediction**—May God, the source of life, maker of heaven and earth, graciously re-form our lives; may Jesus Christ, the way, and the truth, and the life, enable us to live in fullness; may the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, empower us to live for others; so we may continuously sing the song of life to the glory of the living God.=

**Postlude**

*Allegro*

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