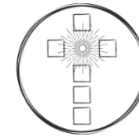




WORSHIP WITH ZION

Autumn 2024



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

Thanksgiving Worship

Prelude

We Gather Together, Kaylee Gephart on cello

Gathering—Rejoice and give thanks! This is a day to remember the gifts and blessings that God showers in our lives. This is a season to trust God’s providential care and to rest assured that we are held in Christ’s gentle arms of love. In a world that instills fear and worry that nothing we have will ever be enough, we discover in Christ’s arms that we have everything we need.~

****Hymn**

We Gather Together, 81, with Bell Choir

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Choir

Happy Are They with Judy Prosch

30 Days of Prayer: Pairs and Spares, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 7 Star Praying Mantis Kung Fu, Indy Blackout Basketball, Volleyball Group, Indy Klutch Softball

Prayer—O God, we long to come into your presence undistracted by our hectic lives. But instead, we fight our way in, amidst the clutter and stress. Our minds are full of worry. Our hearts are buffeted this way and that. Our souls are tired and sore. We yearn to rest in the assurance of Jesus: “Look at the birds of the air,” he says. “Your heavenly [Creator] feeds them. You are even more precious to God! Consider the lilies of the field. Even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed so fine!” O God, you know our need. Grow our vision and nurture our trust until our worries fall away. Restore us in your grace that we may breathe again.~

Song of Reflection

Bless This House, Bob Brown and Martha Main

****Doxology**

****We Give Thanks**—Gracious and abundant God, like the birds of the air, we can trust your provision. You take care of us. Like the lilies of the field, all that we have is yours. Every good thing is a gift from you. You take care of us. [As we prepare to gather at tables to feast this week, we especially remember those in our community who face hunger, who have to choose between electricity or groceries. May our gifts for God’s Bounty help ease the hunger our neighbors know, and may they bring glory and honor to you as we answer your call to serve and to love. Bless us this Thanksgiving [season], and bless [all] the gifts we bring, that in all we make and say and do: trust may grow, beauty may flourish, generosity may flow, and your name may be praised. Through Jesus Christ our [Savior], we pray. Amen.~

****Hymn**

Give Thanks, 359 (2x)

****Benediction**—This Thanksgiving, be filled with thanks and praise. Let it overflow, bursting through every stress and anxiety. May it trickle gently over every grief and sadness, until thanks and praise are in every word you say, every choice you make, every moment you live. Glory and praise to God. Peace be with you.~

Postlude

Canzona