

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- ❖ Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- ❖ **Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3 during the Sunday worship service and Sunday School
- ❖ **Sunday School** classes are available for children, youth, and adults during the 10:15am education hour
- ❖ **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- ❖ Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to **connect** and **serve** at Zion. **We're glad you're here!**

WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.



ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

16 March 2025

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

† **Gathering Hymn** — *For the Beauty of the Earth (Trinity Hymnal #116)*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** *Psalm 108:1-5*

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make music with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Thy Mercy, My God
Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

Prayer of Praise

Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Committed to God's Truth

- ❖ We believe in a holy God who exists externally in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.
- ❖ We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.
- ❖ We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.
- ❖ We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.
- ❖ We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources, go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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Coffee & Conversation

All Zion women are invited to join the fellowship group Coffee & Conversation. The next gathering will be at 1:30pm on March 19 at David and Brittany Chambers' home. Contact Lori Osberg: lsosberg@hotmail.com

What's Next at Foodnet?

Come to a meeting and meal in the Zion Coffee House at 12pm on March 23 to talk about Foodnet. All are welcome! Contact Jill Greff: greffjill@gmail.com

Quilting Group

Join us on the second Thursday of each month to make blankets and quilts as gifts for domestic and foreign missions. All skill levels are welcome at the 1:30pm and/or 6:30pm session. Materials and a limited number of sewing machines are available. Contact Taryne Matzen: taryne@zionpca.com

Seeking Volunteers

Do you like helping behind the scenes? We are looking for volunteers to help with laundering kitchen linens, cleaning the refrigerator, recycling cardboard, and serving on the Sunday morning coffee prep team. Contact Jill Greff: greffjill@gmail.com

Pregnancy Center – Annual Partnership Event

The Pregnancy Center will welcome Kevin and Sam Sorbo to Lincoln for their Annual Partnership Event on April 8 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Each ticket is \$50 and includes dinner. Contact Ann Bender: bender.ann8@gmail.com

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

Zion's Corporate Public Worship Service is held at 9am each Sunday in the Worship Hall. The service streams to Facebook (@zionpca), zionpca.com/livestream, and YouTube @ZionPCA

How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the black box on the foyer table, or in the secure dropbox in the main office. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



Preparation for Confession *Ezra 9:5-7a*

And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God, saying: "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt."

Silent Confession of Sin

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

† Declaration of Grace *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hymn of Gratitude – *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (Trinity Hymnal #473)*

Giving Moment – *Doxology*

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.

We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.

Preaching of the Word

Title: "Run Light and Run Looking, Sometimes with Tears"

Text: Philippians 3:10-21

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord's table today.

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

† Hymn of Celebration – *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ (Trinity Hymnal #524)*

† Benediction

Postlude

Philippians 3:10-21

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 8:00am: **Prayer in Library** (*everyone welcome!*)

Sundays, 9:00am: **Worship Service**

Sundays, 10:15am: **Education Hour for all ages**

Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Bible Study** (*contact Amy Handeland*)

Wednesdays, 12:00pm: **Prayer in Sanctuary** (*everyone welcome!*)

6:00pm: **Connection Meal for all**

7:00pm: **Kids Club, youth group, adult classes – nursery provided**

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (*contact Lee Grossman*)

Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution** (*you can help!*)

New Adult Sunday School Classes

Today is the first day of our new classes for the adult men and women. The classes will examine how to establish men's and women's ministries at Zion to develop maturity and leadership. All men will meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary, and all women will meet with Pastor Tim in the Hearth Room.

Weekly Prayer on Wednesdays

All are welcome to join Pastors Tim and David as they pray together on Wednesdays from 12pm-1pm in the Sanctuary. They will be praying for the needs of the congregation. When you submit a prayer request, please indicate if it is a confidential request you'd prefer to keep limited to the Session and Pastors.

Easter Choir

Calling all singers! Easter is approaching, and we will be putting together a choir for the occasion. It's not too late to join! Please come practice with us at 7pm each Tuesday night from now through April 15. Contact Anne Ramsey: anne@zionpca.com

Lament Services

Please join us for two services this season where we will focus on lament, grief, pain, and sorrow. The services will be at 7pm on March 23 and April 6.

Connection Night Wednesday

Zion's Wednesday night Connection meal and classes will resume this week. Join us at 6pm for meatball subs!

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
Titus 3:5

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart; they
2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree, have
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load of
4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me: no

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tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.
paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me. To whom, save
sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

“Run Light and Run Looking, Sometimes with Tears”

Philippians 3:10-21

Sermon Notes: 16 March 2025

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jas. 1:17

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
 • for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

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 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. Luke 15:2

1. "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive": word of sur - est con - so - la - tion;
 2. On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is giv - en;
 3. When a help - less lamb doth stray, af - ter it, the Shep - herd, press - ing
 4. Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scar - let my trans - gres - sion,
 5. Now my con - science is at peace, from the Law I stand ac - quit - ted;

word all sor - row to re - lieve, word of par - don, peace, sal - va - tion!
 he hath sworn by his own name, o - pen are the gates of heav - en.
 • thro' each dark and dan - g'rous way, brings it back, his own pos - sess - ing.
 it shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion;
 Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease and my ev - ery sin re - mit - ted.

Naught like this can com - fort give: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 Take to heart this word and live: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 • Je - sus seeks thee, O be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 for these words I now be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 Naught re - mains my soul to grieve— "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson
 Music by Asahel Nettleton

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ry bless - ing, tunemy heart to sing thy grace; streams of
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come; and I
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be; let that
 mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
 hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus
 grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to
 some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praisethe
 sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love: here's my
 mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Thy Mercy My God

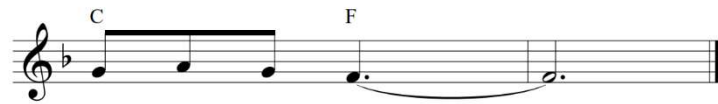
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Sandra McCracken



Thy mer - cy, my God is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the
With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here: Sin would re - duce me to
Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which won - ders to feel its own
Great fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the cov - en - ant love of thy



boast of my tongue. Thy free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath won my af - fec - tion and
ut - ter des - pair But through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive And He that first made me still
hard - ness de - part dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and weep for the praise of the
cru - ci - fied son. All praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and



bound my soul fast. _____
keeps me a - live. _____
mer - cy I've found. _____
right - eous - ness mine! _____

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Words and Music by
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
and Michael Farren



What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er. There is no more for hea - ven now to
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side the Sav - iour, he will
No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en, the fut - ure sure, the price it has been
With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



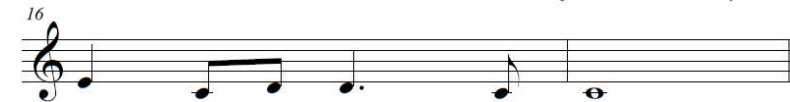
give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis -
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the
home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the



peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; for my life is whol - ly bound to
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will
grave. To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
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