



ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

22 June 2025

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

† **Gathering Hymn** – *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Trinity Hymnal #103)*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** – *Psalm 147:1*

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

This Is My Father's World

We Are Listening

Death Was Arrested

Prayer of Praise

Confession of Faith – *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in

the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preparation for Confession – Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

† Hymn of Contrition – O Jehovah, Hear My Words, verses 1-3 (Trinity Hymnal #51)

Silent Confession of Sin

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

† Declaration of Grace – Psalm 32:6, 10-11

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ... Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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: "Wisdom and Mercy"

Text: James 1:27-2:9, 13 (*pew Bible page 1011-1012*)

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 – How Firm a Foundation (*Trinity Hymnal #94*)

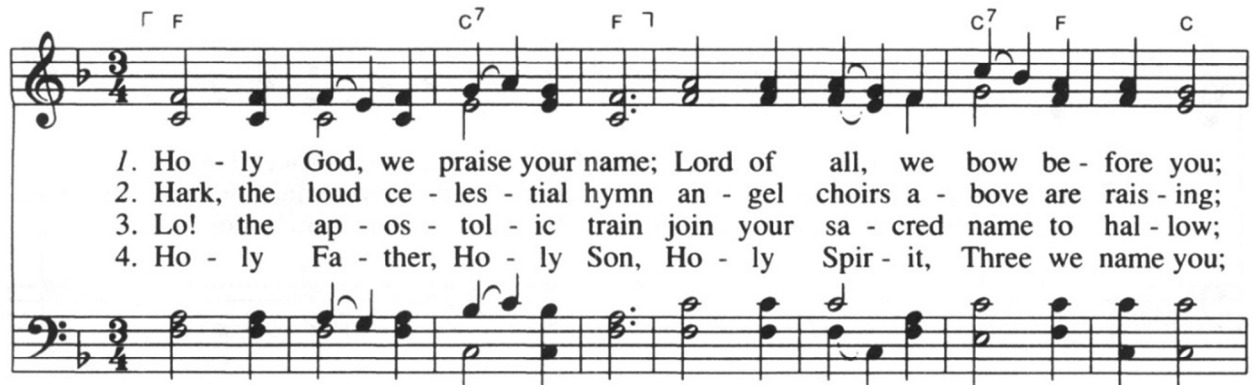
† Benediction

Postlude

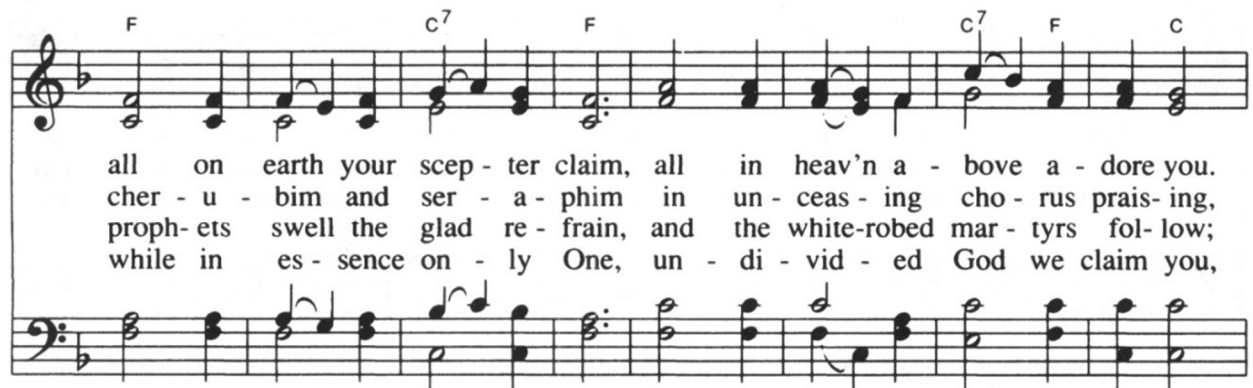
Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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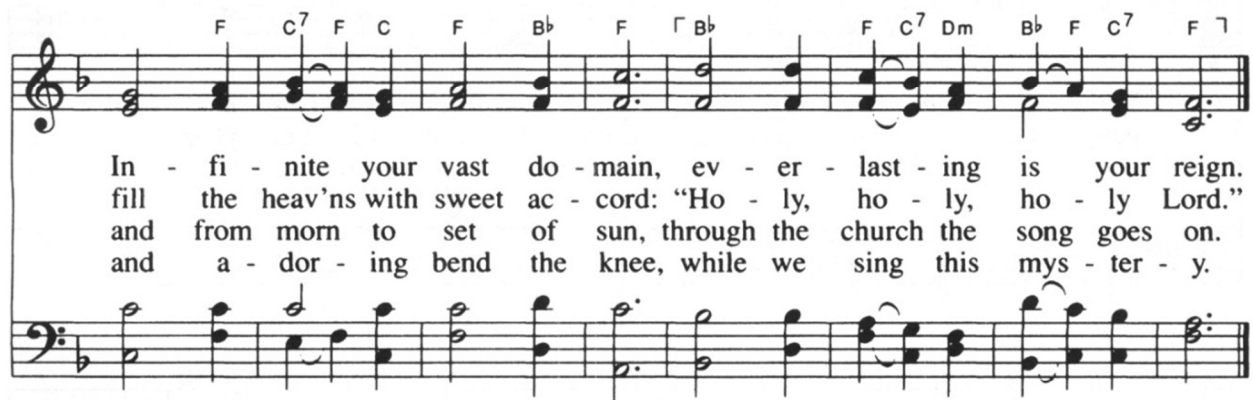
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
 2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low,
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
 and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

This Is My Father's World

C C/E Dm Gsus G

1.This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears, all
 2.This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3.This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get that

6 C/E E Am F G C

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This
 mor - ning light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise. This
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet. This

10 Am F Dm Gsus G

is my Fath - er's world: I rest me in the thought of
 is my Fath - er's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 is my Fath - er's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

14 C/E FM7 Em/G Am F G C

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 -sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 Music by Franklin Sheppard 1915, arr. E.S. Barnes, 1926

We Are Listening

Jeremy Quillo

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Dm Bb

1. Fa - ther, I long to be wise, to see with new
2. Fa - ther, I long to see Christ: the Truth and New

4

F Csus C Dm

eyes the truth that was writ - ten by your hand. Fa - ther, speak your truth in - to
Life, the Word that made the u - ni - verse. Fa - ther, speak; in you I be -

7

Bb F C

me, be - cause I be - lieve that you will help me un - der - stand. We are
- lieve, I have been set free by the Word that lived and died for me.

11

Bb Dm C Bb Dm C F Bb

lis - ten - ing to your word. We are lis - ten - ing to your word. Mor - ning and eve - ning we

16

Csus C F Bb Csus C Dm Gm Dm Gm

come to de - light in the words of our God. Give us eyes to see, give us faith to hear

21

F Bb F C/E

that the Word has come, that the Word is here. 2. Fa - ther,

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Death Was Arrested

Words and Music by Heath Balltzglier, Brandon Coker,
Adam Kersh, and Paul Taylor Smith

G C G

1. A - lone in my sor - row and dead in my sin,
2. Ash was re - deemed, on - ly beau - ty re - mains; my
3. Re - leased from my chains, I'm a pris - 'ner no more. My
4. Our sav - ior dis - played on a crim - i - nal's cross,

5 Em Dsus G

lost with - out hope with no place to be - gin; Your
or - phan heart was giv - en a name. My
shame was a ran - som he faith - ful - ly bore. He
dark - ness re - joiced as though hea - ven had lost. But then

8 G C G

love made a way to let mer - cy come in, when
mourn - ing grew qui - et, my feet rose to dance, when
can - celled my debt and he called me his friend, when
Je - sus a - rose with our free - dom in hand: that's when

11 Em7 Dsus G G Chorus C G

1. 2, 3, 4.

death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan. gan. Oh your grace so free wash - es

19 Em7 D C Em7 D C

o - ver me. You have made me new, now life be - gins with you. It's your end - less

26 G Em7 D C Em7 D

love pour - ing down on us. You have made us new, now life be - gins with you.

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O Jehovah, Hear My Words

Trinity Hymnal #51

Psalms 5: The Psalter, 1912

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words, to my thoughts at - ten - tive be;
2. Thou, Je - ho - vah, art a God who de - light - est not in sin;
3. In the ful - ness of thy grace to thy house I will re - pair;

5
hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
e - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy fa - vor win.
bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, in thy fear to wor - ship there.

9
With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,
E - vil - do - ers thou dost hate, ly - ing tongues thou wilt de - feat;
Lead me in thy righ - teous - ness, let my foes as - sail in vain;

13
and ex - pec - tant I will bring prayer as mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
God ab - hors the man who loves vi - o - lence and base de - ceit.
lest my feet be turned a - side, make thy way be - fore me plain.

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Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D⁷ G F D/F# Em Am⁷ C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D⁷ G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

James 1:27-2:9, 13

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ... For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

“Wisdom and Mercy”
James 1:27-2:9, 13
Sermon Notes: 22 June 2025

Mercy radically alters our relationships with the Overwhelmed, Over-appreciated, Overlooked, and Over-important, because mercy runs in the family.

Ways to Connect This Week: zionpca.com/groups

Sunday, 8:00am: **Prayer in Library**

9:00am: **Worship Service**

Wednesday, 12:00pm: **Prayer in Sanctuary**

7:00pm: **Taskmaster in Sanctuary**

Thursday, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Lee: leegrossman113@gmail.com)

Saturday, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

Taskmaster: Zion Edition

On Wednesday, June 25 at 7pm, we're bringing a whole lot of laughter and lighthearted chaos to the church with our very own version of Taskmaster! If you've never heard of it, Taskmaster is a British game show where contestants are given silly, creative, and often ridiculous challenges—like building a tower out of potatoes or painting a portrait without using your hands. The twist? They have no idea what the tasks will be until they start! The Zion version will feature five brave contestants from our congregation, so bring a friend and join us to cheer them on! Contact Anne Ramsey: anne@zionpca.com

Zion Family Fun Night

You're invited to a special evening as we come together to celebrate the importance of family in God's kingdom. We'll gather at Zion on Sunday, June 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm for a time of fellowship, food, and fun. Dinner will be provided, along with games and activities for all ages. It's sure to be a joyful evening for the whole church family—mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Congratulations!

We would like to recognize our Zion members who have recently earned college or advanced degrees:

Max Devine (married to Marta Jonson), M.D. (UNMC)

Annica Jonson, MA in Educational Psychology (UNL)

Elsa Jonson, BA in Nutrition and Exercise Science (UNL)

Colby Lamb, PhD in Mathematics (UNL), December 2024

Meredith Reiter, BA with Distinction (UNL), May 2024

Baby Shower for Destiny Polivka

Zion women, save the date for a baby shower for Destiny Polivka: July 13 at 2pm. More details to come! Contact Ann Bender: bender.ann8@gmail.com

Midweek Fellowship and Fun!

Get ready for a summer full of laughter, connection, and friendly competition! We're planning some exciting midweek events for the whole church family to enjoy. Mark your calendars and stay tuned – more details coming soon! Contact Anne: anne@zionpca.com.

June 25: Taskmaster

July 16: Trivia Night

August 6: Escape Room

Pastoral Search Prayer Guide

Join Zion's Senior Pastor Search Committee in prayer as we seek the man God is calling for the role. Each family is encouraged to take a printed copy of the Prayer Guide (available in the foyer), or there is a digital version linked in the weekly newsletter. The guide offers monthly themes to help focus our hearts and prayers throughout the search process.

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 and YouTube (@zionpca), or at zionpca.com/livestream.

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 drop box in the main office. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



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 *[Classes are on break until Fall 2025]*
- ❖ **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.