



ZION CHURCH

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“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

† **Gathering Hymn** – *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (Trinity Hymnal #376)

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** – *Psalm 150*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with
tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding
cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name (Trinity Hymnal #114)
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Run to Jesus

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 39:8-12a*

“Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it. Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand. When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath! Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry.”

Song of Contrition – *Poor Sinner, Dejected, With Fear*

Silent Confession of Sin

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

† Declaration of Grace – *Psalm 50:15*

“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Moment for Ministry – *Women’s Leadership Council*

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: “A Peacemaker went out to Sow”

Text: James 3:5-6, 13-18 (*pew Bible page 1012*)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper – Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands (*Trinity Hymnal #427*)

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 – To God Be the Glory (*Trinity Hymnal #55*)

† Benediction

Postlude

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;
 3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine,
 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

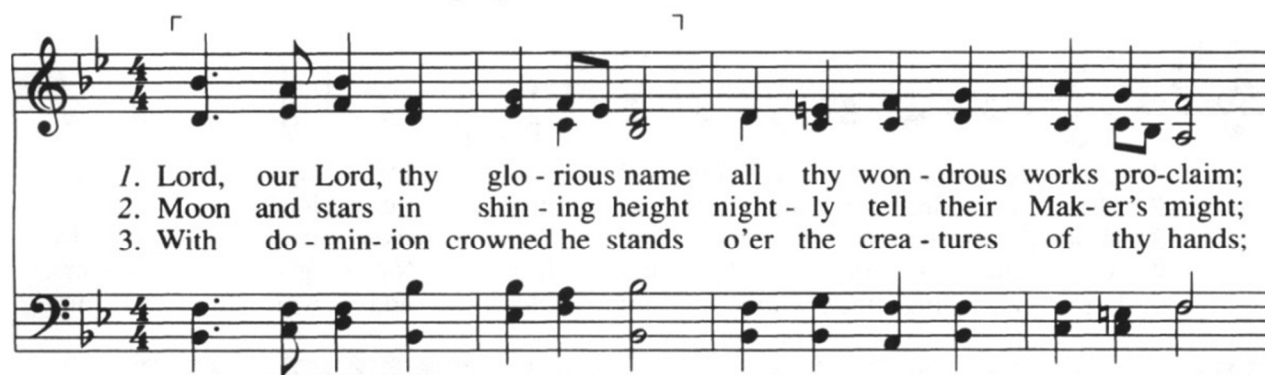
where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 • let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 • so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

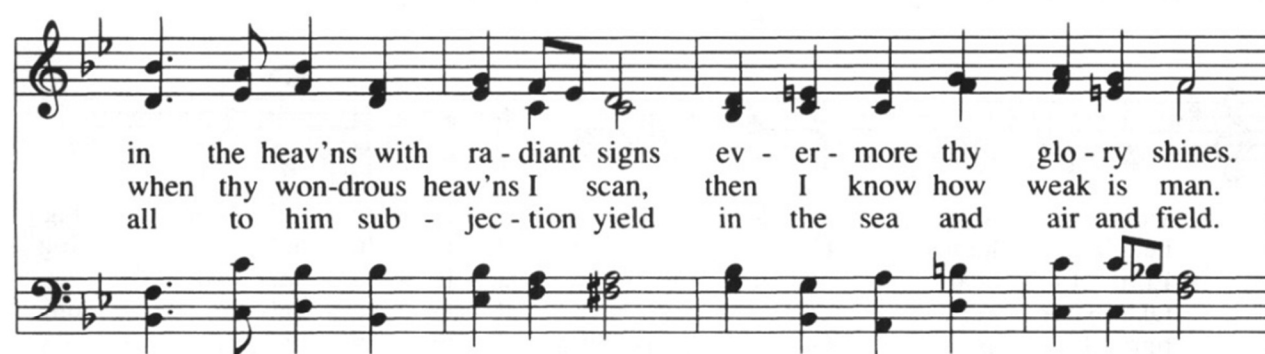
Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

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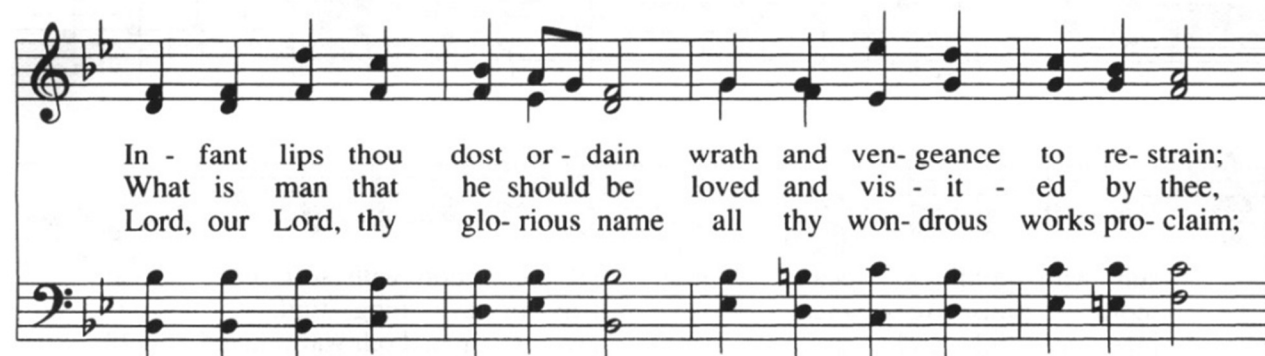
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Ps. 8:1



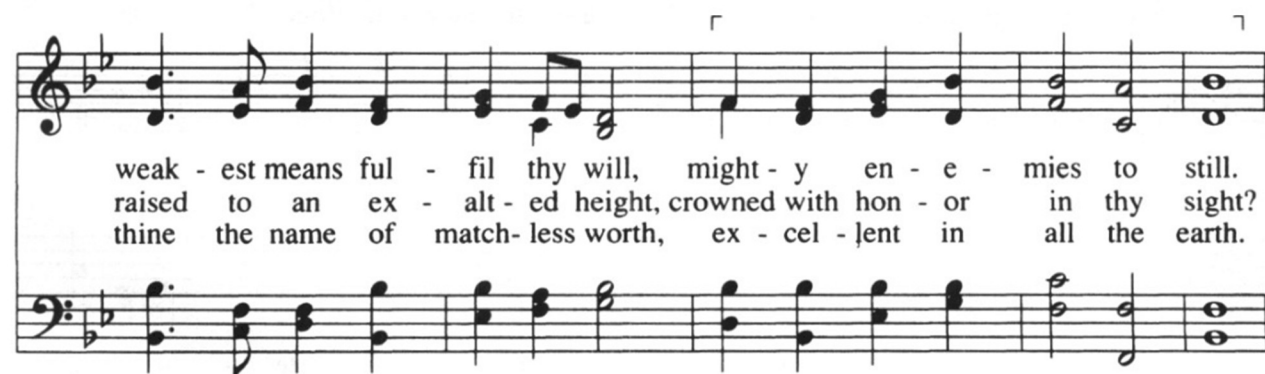
1. Lord, our Lord, thy glo - rious name all thy won - drous works pro-claim;
 2. Moon and stars in shin - ing height night - ly tell their Mak - er's might;
 3. With do - min - ion crowned he stands o'er the crea - tures of thy hands;



in the heav'ns with ra - diant signs ev - er - more thy glo - ry shines.
 when thy won-drous heav'ns I scan, then I know how weak is man.
 all to him sub - jec - tion yield in the sea and air and field.



In - fant lips thou dost or - dain wrath and ven - geance to re - strain;
 What is man that he should be loved and vis - it - ed by thee,
 Lord, our Lord, thy glo - rious name all thy won-drous works pro-claim;



weak - est means ful - fil thy will, might - y en - e - mies to still.
 raised to an ex - alt - ed height, crowned with hon - or in thy sight?
 thine the name of match - less worth, ex - cel - lent in all the earth.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er; there is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fut - ure
 4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

4
 more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and
 side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price it has been paid, For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home, and day by day, I know he will re -

7
 free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 - joic - ing, for in my need, his po - wer is dis - played. To this I
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
 10 - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I

10
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est val - ley he will
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry ev - er - more to

13
 his. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my

15
 sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Run to Jesus

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer

1. Has your grief brought you low? Has your faith lost its hold? Your De -
2. Is your shame all you see? Are your sins dark and deep? Your High
3. Though the journey is long, though the night tar - ries on, your Re -

4
-liv - er - er knows what your need is. He endured ev - ery test, He has
Priest lives to plead your for - give - ness. What you owed, He has paid, what was
7 deem - er is strong in your weak - ness. He will car - ry you through, He is

felt your dis - tress, as you weep, He has wept; run to Je - sus. (to verse 2)
dead, He has raised, all your guilt for His grace; run to Je - sus. (to chorus 1)
faith - ful and true, He will make all things new; run to Je - sus. (to chorus 2)

10 **Chorus 1**
He will lift your head; He will be your rest. What you

15
owed, he has paid, what was dead, He has raised, all your guilt for His grace; run to Je - sus.
(to verse 3)

19 **Chorus 2**
He will lift your head; He will be your rest. He will

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lift your head; He will be your rest. He will car - ry you through, He is

29
faith - ful and true, He will make all things new; run to Je - sus.

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Poor Sinner, Dejected With Fear

William Gadsby

Katy Bowser and
Matthew Perryman Jones

1. Poor sin-ner, de-ject - ed with fear, un - bos-om thy mind to the Lamb; no
 2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb, he
 3. The soul that on Je - sus re - lies, he'll nev - er, no nev - er de - ceive; he

6
 wrath on his brow he does wear, nor will he poor mourn-ers con - demn; His
 will not, he can - not say, "Go," but sure - ly will take out thy stain. A
 free - ly and faith - ful - ly gives more bless-ings than we can con - ceive; yea,

10
 arm of om - ni - po - tent grace is a - ble and will - ing to save; a
 foun-tain is o - pened for sin, and thou-sands its vir - tues have proved; he'll
 down to old age - he will keep, nor will he for-sake us at last; he

14
 sweet and a per - ma - nent peace he'll free - ly and
 take thee and plunge thee there - in, and wash thee from
 knows, and is known, by his sheep; they're his, and he will

17
 faith - ful - ly give. 2. Come
 filth in his blood. 3. The
 hold them fast.

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Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

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*Jesus came and stood among them and said ..., "Put your finger here; see my hands."
John 20:26, 27*

Capo 3: ♮ (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B) (Em) (D) (A) (D) 7

1. A - midst us our Be - lov - ed stands, and bids us
2. What food lux - u - rious loads the board, when at his
3. If now, with eyes de - filed and dim, we see the
4. O glo - rious Bride - groom of our hearts, your pres - ent

(G) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B)

view his pierc - ed hands; points to the wound - ed
ta - ble sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the
signs, but see not him; O may his love the
smile a heav'n im - parts! O lift the veil, if

(Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮ (A⁷) (Bm) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (D) 7

feet and side, blest em - blems of the Cru - ci - fied.
bread how sweet, when Je - sus deigns the guests to meet!
scales dis - place, and bid us see him face to face!
veil there be, let ev - ery saint your glo - ry see!

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

James 3:5-6, 13-18

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell...

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



adapted from "The Peacemaker" by Ken Sande

Character is primary, because there is enormous pressure in the Christian life and ministry towards hypocrisy – settling for an appearance of godliness without power. Therefore, Christian ministry polarizes people. It makes them far better or far worse Christians than they would be otherwise, but it will not leave you where you were! There are enormous pressures in ministry on your integrity and character.

-Tim Keller (paraphrased)

“A Peacemaker Went out to Sow”

James 3:5-6, 13-18

Sermon Notes: 20 July 2025

Ways to Connect This Week: zionpca.com/groups

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

9:00am: **Worship Service**

6:00pm: **Zion Youth Group**

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

5:00pm: **Coffee & Conversation** (*Lori: lsosberg@hotmail.com*)

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

Friday, 7:00pm: **Lincoln PCA Youth Worship Night at Bloom Coffee**

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

Juniper Refuge

Nikki Long from Juniper Refuge will be visiting Zion on July 27. After that morning's worship service, she will share with us about their ministry to Lincoln's refugee community. Please join her in the Hearth Room from 10:30-11:30am (nursery will be provided).

Youth Group Update

Mark your calendars for the following Zion Youth Group events!

- Sunday, July 20: ZYG meeting and open gym, 6-8pm
- Friday, July 25: Lincoln PCA Youth worship night at Bloom Coffee, 7-9pm
- Sunday, August 3: ZYG meeting and open gym, 6-8pm

Women's Leadership Council

The Session is pleased to announce the newly formed Women's Leadership Council!

Director: *Susan Meckel*

Coordinator of Women's Bible Studies: *Amy Handeland*

Coordinator of Women's Discipleship: *Linda Smith*

Coordinator of Women's Hospitality: *Bethany Johnson*

Coordinator of Women's Service and Mercy: *Tamar Polivka*

Coordinator of Women's Prayer Ministry: *(Not yet filled)*

Coffee & Conversation

All Zion women are invited to join the fellowship group Coffee and Conversation. The next gathering will be at Deb Lange's home, 1520 S. 44th, at 5pm on July 23. Bring a lawn chair, and bring a snack to share if you'd like. Please RSVP with Deb: deblange1954@gmail.com

Escape Room Hunt! Wednesday, August 6, 7pm

Dive into a high-energy puzzle hunt that will put your brainpower to the test! You'll race through five mind-twisting challenges, uncover hidden numbers, and connect the dots to unlock the final solution before your time is up. Teamwork may give you an edge, but even solo sleuths can win big. Just bring your wits, one internet-connected smartphone per team, and a hunger for puzzles. Questions? Contact Taryne: taryne@zionpca.com

New Small Group

If you are not currently in a small group, please consider joining the new Sunday evening small group! Contact Pastor David for more info: david@zionpca.com

Fall Sunday School

Mark your calendars – Sunday School for children and adults will resume on August 10.

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.



From the Senior Pastor Search Committee

- ❖ To contact us with any questions or give us feedback, email us at spsc@zionpca.com
- ❖ To pray with us, please commit to using the prayer guide. Copies are available in the foyer, or follow the link in the Friday newsletter
- ❖ We would like to gather input from you so please consider filling out a short survey by using this QR code, or follow the link in the newsletter



Communication and prayer are high priorities for us as we seek the Lord in His provision for Zion's next senior pastor. Thank you for coming alongside us!

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 August 10, 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.