



# ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE  
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

8 June 2025

The more you listen to Jesus with spiritual understanding, and the more you put into practice what Jesus says, the more the truth Jesus will reveal to you.

*Walter Wessel*

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

### Prelude

† **Gathering Song** – *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

### Welcome and Announcements

## ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship**: – *Psalm 145:1-4*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day  
I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and  
greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall  
commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Trinity Hymnal #165)*

*Christus Victor (Amen)*

*There Is One Gospel*

### 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.

**Preparation for Confession** – *Psalm 31:1-2*

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your  
righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of  
refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

### **Silent Confession of Sin**

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

### **† Declaration of Grace – Psalm 32:1-2a, 5**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity. ... 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.

### **† Song of Gratitude – And Can It Be (refrain)**

### **Moment for Ministry – Vacation Bible School**

### **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:** "The Fruitful Soul"

**Text:** James 1:18-22 (*pew Bible page 1011*)

### **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 – The God of Abraham Praise (Trinity Hymnal #34)**

### **† Benediction**

### **Postlude**

# God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Psalm 46:1-3

Teresa Ghormley, arr. Gina Tuck

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score is divided into four systems, each beginning with a measure number (1, 3, 6, and 8 respectively). The final measure of the fourth system is marked 'D.C. al Fine'.

Cm Ab Fm G Cm  
God is our ref - uge and our strength, a ver - y pres - ent help in trou - ble.

3 Fm Cm G Ab Fm/D G Fm Cm G Cm  
There - fore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the moun - tains be moved

6 Ab Eb Ab Eb  
in - to the heart of the sea, though its wat - ers roar and

8 D G Ab Cm D G D.C. al Fine  
foam, ———— though the moun - tains trem - ble at its swell - ing.

## Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 2 Pet. 3:18*

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
 and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

# Christus Victor (Amen)

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Bryan Fowler

**Verses**

1. O most high King of the a - ges, Great I AM, God of  
 2. O most high dwell-ing a-mong us, Son of man sent for  
 3. O most high King of the na - tions, robed in praise, crowned with

4 won - ders, by the blood you have re-deemed us, led us through might - y  
 sin - ners, by your blood you have re-deemed us, Spot-less Lamb, might - y  
 splen - dor, on that day who will not trem - ble when you stand, Christ the

8 wat - ers, our strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion. (to chorus 1)  
 Sav - ior, who lived, who died, who rose vic - tor - ious, (to chorus 2)  
 Vic - tor, who was and is and is for - ev - er? (to coda)

## Chorus 1

11 Now to the Lamb u - pon the throne be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry,  
 14 pow - er, for the bat - tle you have won. Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men! (to verse 2)

## Chorus 2

18 Now to the Lamb u - pon the throne be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, pow - er, for the bat - tle you have  
 22 won. Hal - le - lu - jah! With ev - ery tribe and ev - ery tongue we join the an - them of the  
 27 an - gels in the tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men! (to verse 3)

2

**Coda**

31 F C Dm Am Bb Gm7 F/C C Bb/D C/E  
 A - men, a - men, a - - - (sing three times) men!

35 F C/E Dm  
 Now to the Lamb u-pon the throne be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry,

38 F/A Bb Bb/D C/E F  
 pow - er, for the bat - tle you have won. Hal - le - lu - jah! Withev - ery tribe and ev - ery

42 C/E Dm F/A  
 tongue we join the an - them of the an - gels in the tri - umph of the

45 Bb Bb/D C/E Dm Bb C  
 Son. Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men! Sing the vic - t'ry of the

49 Dm F/A Bb C F  
 Lamb, hal - le - lu - jah, a - - - men!

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# There Is One Gospel

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

C C F Am Am F C

1. There is one gos - pel on  
2. There is one gos - pel to  
3. There is one gos - pel where  
4. And in this gos - pel, the

6 F C G C/E

which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty. It is my sto - ry, my  
which I cling, all else I count but loss. For there, where jus - tice and  
hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks. For death could not keep my  
church is one, we do not walk a - lone. We have his Spi - rit as

10 F C/G G C C F C

Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me. Oh, what a gos - pel, oh, what a peace,  
mer - cy meet, he saved me on the cross. No more I boast in what I can bring,  
Sa - vior down, he lives and I am free. Now on my Sa - vior I fix my eyes,  
we press on to lead us safe - ly home. And when in glo - ry still I will sing

15 F C Am G C Dm C/E F

my high - est joy and my deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, he is my light; I  
no more I car - ry the weight of sin, For he has brought me from death to life; I  
my life is his and his hope is mine. For he has pro - mised I, too, will rise; I  
of this old stor - ry that res - cued me. Praise to my Sa - vior, the King of life; I

19 F C G C C F Am Am F

stand in the gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
stand in the gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
stand in the gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
stand in the gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

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## And Can It Be (refrain)

REFRAIN

A - maz - ing love! How can it  
A - maz - ing love! How

be can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou, my God,

## 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

## The God of Abraham Praise

*Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:6*

1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,  
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand  
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;  
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.  
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, 6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace. "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns. all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

**James 1:18-22**

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**“The Fruitful Soul”**  
**James 1:18-22**  
**Sermon Notes: 8 June 2025**

*The fruitful soul is quick, slow, and humble.*

The role of every Christian is to be both an agent of special grace for the salvation of individual souls and to be an agent of common grace seeking to make things better for all of creation – working for justice, caring for the vulnerable, restraining evil, promoting the good... That is, we are to be “double agents,” reconciling all things [people and creation] to Jesus Christ.

*-Mike Snyder*

**Ways to Connect This Week: [zionpca.com/groups](http://zionpca.com/groups)**

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

9:00am: **Worship Service**

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

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

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

**Celebrate!**

Please join us in the Coffee House today after the worship service for a party celebrating Kyle Lindgren's graduation from Covenant Seminary.

**2025 Graduates with College or Advanced Degrees**

We would like to recognize Zion members who have earned college or advanced degrees this season. If this is you or someone you know, please contact Kati in the office: [kati@zionpca.com](mailto:kati@zionpca.com)

**Town Hall Meeting with Jeff Lee and SPSC**

All are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on June 15 at 10:30am, led by Jeff Lee, our consultant from Bridg Consulting Firm, alongside our Senior Pastor Search Committee. This will be an opportunity to hear updates, share thoughts, and ask questions about the ongoing search process for our next Senior Pastor. *Please note:* Families with young children are welcome to view a simulcast of the meeting in the Hearth Room, which will be set up as a family-friendly space.

**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.

**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!

### **ZYG Tree Tops Adventure**

Zion youth, get ready to swing like the apes and get rope burn! Come hang out in the trees with your friends, you don't want to miss it! Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am. Registration is open on the Church Center website. Contact Kyle: [kyle@zionpca.com](mailto:kyle@zionpca.com)

### **Spanish Camp**

The Zion Missions Committee and Children's Ministry Team are hosting a Spanish camp June 23-27 from 1pm-3:30pm each day. Registration is open to students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign up online before June 13 by scanning this QR code! Contact Jill or Nicole: [greffjill@gmail.com](mailto:greffjill@gmail.com), [nicole@zionpca.com](mailto:nicole@zionpca.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](mailto:anne@zionpca.com).

*June 25: Taskmaster*

*July 16: Trivia Night*

*August 6: Escape Room*

### **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](mailto:bender.ann8@gmail.com)

### **Sunday Mornings: [zionpca.com/visit](http://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](http://zionpca.com/livestream).

### **How to Give at Zion: [zionpca.com/give](http://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](http://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.