

Welcome to Summer Worship at Zion!

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
Rediscovering God's Grace in the Old Testament
"Daniel's Hope in God"

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***Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching Out to Those in Need***  
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INTRODUCTION

This summer we are exploring the Old Testament stories of God's relationship with God's chosen people. Our scripture lessons for the summer begin with the early chapters of Genesis and move through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, and the prophets. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption, love and forgiveness. In all these stories, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life.

PRELUDE "Meditations of Hope, Joy & Love" **John Christopher**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING

✠ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.* ✠

GATHERING SONG/HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW #834

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and deliver us from all evil.
Open our eyes to see how we are broken
and do not live in healthy relationship with you
or with our neighbors.
Guide our confession through the Holy Spirit,
that we may return to you
through the redemption we have in Jesus, God-with-us.
Amen.

Returning to our gracious Lord, let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and confession.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we do not and cannot live
as you want us to live.**
**We confess that we regularly participate in wrongdoing
and do not live according to your justice.**
**We are often proud and self-righteous,
we oppress the lowly and marginalized,
we do not fill the hungry or bind up the brokenhearted,
we do not proclaim liberty to the captives,
and we do not bring good news to the oppressed.**
**Bring us out of the lion's den of our sin
and clothe us with the garments of salvation,
won for us through Jesus Christ
our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

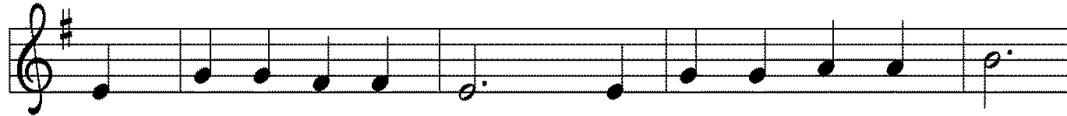
Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
and out of that love God sent Jesus Christ to die for us that we may be restored to life.
Therefore, as the prophets proclaimed:
God redeems you and restores you,
God loves you and forgives you,
God sees you and claims you!
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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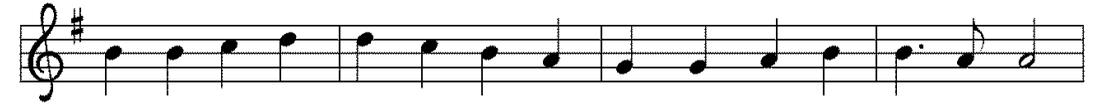


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

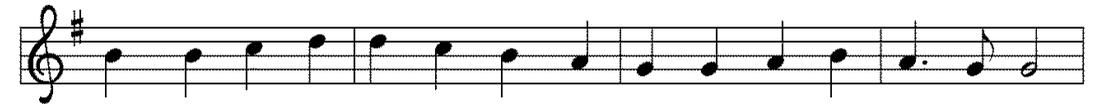


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

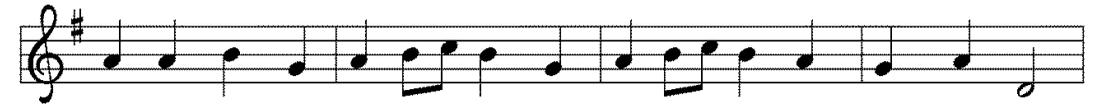
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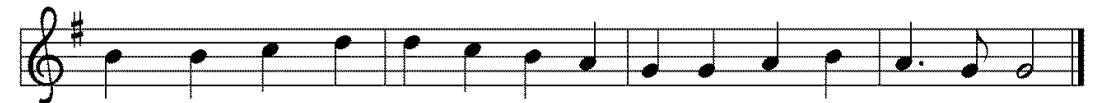
- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance, You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshipping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshipping only you, for the sake of the One who made your name known to all people, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“In Christ Alone”

Mikayla Titus

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

✠ *God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.* ✠

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6:6-27

The Message

SERMON

Pastor Erin

HYMN/SONG OF THE DAY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(please stand on last verse)

ELW #858

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERTORY HYMN/SONG

“You Are the Way”

ELW #758

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Thank you, faithful God, for giving us your Son, who is our life-giving bread from heaven. Make us more and more like you, living a life of love and service. Lead us to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving.
Amen.

MEAL

✠ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.* ✠

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

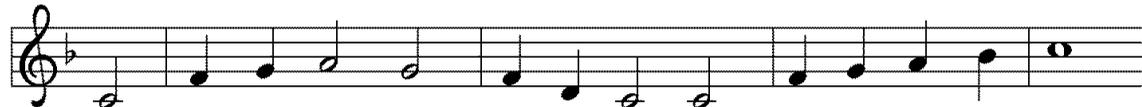
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LORD’S PRAYER

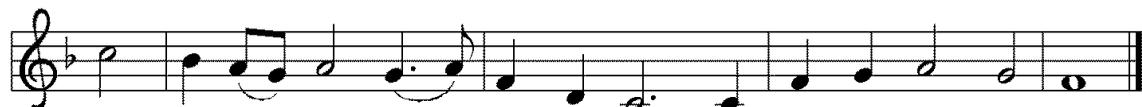
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen** *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

ELW #480

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace .
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ offered up his body and blood, so that we might die to self and live in him. Give us such close fellowship with him that in all doubts and dangers our faith may not fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

✠ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.* ✠

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN/SONG

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

ELW #606

POSTLUDE

“Grosser Gott”

Theodore Beck

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**I love to tell the story,
for some have never
heard the message of
salvation from God's
own holy Word.**

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*REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE IN THE
OLD TESTAMENT*

SCRIPTURE**Daniel 6:6-27*****The Message***

⁶⁻⁷ The vice-regents and governors conspired together and then went to the king and said, “King Darius, live forever! We’ve convened your vice-regents, governors, and all your leading officials, and have agreed that the king should issue the following decree:

For the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions’ den.

⁸ “Issue this decree, O king, and make it unconditional, as if written in stone like all the laws of the Medes and the Persians.”

⁹ King Darius signed the decree.

¹⁰ When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.

¹¹⁻¹² The conspirators came and found him praying, asking God for help. They went straight to the king and reminded him of the royal decree that he had signed. “Did you not,” they said, “sign a decree forbidding anyone to pray to any god or man except you for the next thirty days? And anyone caught doing it would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

“Absolutely,” said the king. “Written in stone, like all the laws of the Medes and Persians.”

¹³ Then they said, “Daniel, one of the Jewish exiles, ignores you, O king, and defies your decree. Three times a day he prays.”

¹⁴ At this, the king was very upset and tried his best to get Daniel out of the fix he’d put him in. He worked at it the whole day long.

¹⁵ But then the conspirators were back: “Remember, O king, it’s the law of the Medes and Persians that the king’s decree can never be changed.”

¹⁶ The king caved in and ordered Daniel brought and thrown into the lions’ den. But he said to Daniel, “Your God, to whom you are so loyal, is going to get you out of this.”

¹⁷ A stone slab was placed over the opening of the den. The king sealed the cover with his signet ring and the signet rings of all his nobles, fixing Daniel’s fate.

¹⁸ The king then went back to his palace. He refused supper. He couldn’t sleep. He spent the night fasting.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ At daybreak the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. As he approached the den, he called out anxiously, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?”

²¹⁻²² “O king, live forever!” said Daniel. “My God sent his angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. I’ve been found innocent before God and also before you, O king. I’ve done nothing to harm you.”

²³ When the king heard these words, he was happy. He ordered Daniel taken up out of the den. When he was hauled up, there wasn’t a scratch on him. He had trusted his God.

²⁴ Then the king commanded that the conspirators who had informed on Daniel be thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. Before they hit the floor, the lions had them in their jaws, tearing them to pieces.

²⁵⁻²⁷ King Darius published this proclamation to every race, color, and creed on earth:

Peace to you! Abundant peace!

I decree that Daniel’s God shall be worshiped and feared in all parts of my kingdom.

He is the living God, world without end. His kingdom never falls.

His rule continues eternally.

He is a savior and rescuer.

He performs astonishing miracles in heaven and on earth.

He saved Daniel from the power of the lions.

