

**Welcome to Summer Worship at Zion!**

***I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY***  
***Rediscovering God's Grace in the Old Testament***  
***"Joel: God's Promised Spirit"***

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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/GATHERING SONGS**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

**GATHERING SONG/HYMN "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright" ELW #745**

**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.**

## KYRIE “Kyrie Eleison”

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison ev’ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church,  
For the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison ev’ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response  
To the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison ev’ry day.

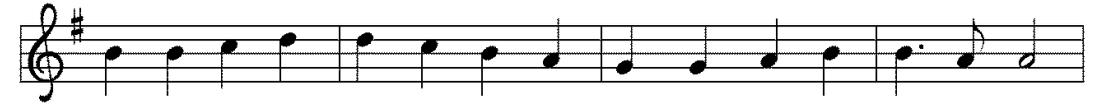
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
For friends and family; for life and for love,  
For our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison ev’ry day.

For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives  
In the water and the word; that you nourish our souls  
With your body and blood,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!  
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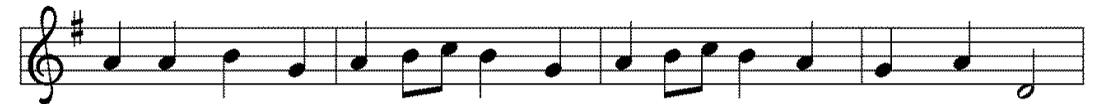
## HYMN OF PRAISE



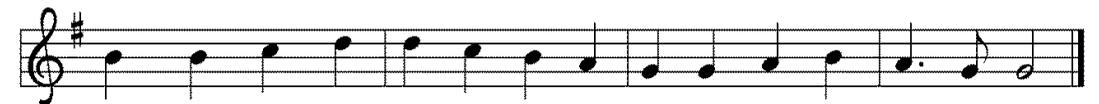
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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**

Let us pray. Loving Lord,  
When we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. “Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.” With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ our loving savior.  
Amen. *(please be seated)*

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING**

**Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

**Pew Bible OT p. 944**

**ALLELUIA** *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 11:13**

**Pew Bible NT p. 74**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Erin**

**HYMN/SONG OF THE DAY**      **“The Power of Your Love”**

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I’ve found in You.  
And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see  
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You.  
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds  
In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You.  
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**CREED** *(please stand)*

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy...  
Sung response:*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

**OFFERING**

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

**OFFERING MUSIC**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**Emily Sternhagen ~ Vocal Solo**

**OFFERING PRAYER** *(please stand)*

Living God, thank you for sending Jesus, so that we can live in him and he in us. Let us always remain in him, so that, filled with the Spirit, we may know and do your will. Help us to live lives of thankfulness and joy, serving you and other people. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### “Come Just as You Are”

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
come and see, come receive. Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
come receive Christ the King. Come and live forever.

Life everlasting and strength for today. Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
come and see, come receive. Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
come receive Christ the King. Come and live forever.

### “Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see so clearly.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. And hallelujah, all my stains  
are washed away, they're washed away.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

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

Nothing in all creation will be able to separate you from the love that God has in Christ Jesus  
our Lord. So go in the assurance of God's love and the assurance of his presence, to live as  
God's beloved for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## SENDING HYMN/SONG

“Spirit of Gentleness”

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## POSTLUDE

Zoe Kempf ~ Organ

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A photograph of a misty forest path with large blue text overlaid. The text reads: "I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word." The background shows a dirt path winding through a lush green forest with tall trees and a soft, hazy atmosphere.

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for some have never  
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own holy Word.**

*I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*

*REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE IN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT*

**FIRST READING****Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

<sup>28</sup> Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**GOSPEL****Luke 11:13**

<sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"