

Welcome to Summer Worship at Zion!

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
Rediscovering God's Grace in the Old Testament
"Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord Upon Me"

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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 PRAISE BAND

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here to worship, to hear some good news,
to restore our hope, and recenter our lives on God.

God made the heavens and the earth,
and formed us from dust, breathing into us the breath of life.
O come, let us worship our Creator!

God rescued Israel from the house of slavery,
and showed redemption through the blood of the Lamb.
O come, let us worship the God of salvation!

God worked through the lives and words of the prophets,
and continues to work in our lives today.
O come, let us worship the God of providence!

God calls, gathers, and equips people of all stations and nations
and continues to work in and through us today.
O come, let us worship the God who calls us out into the world.
O come, let us worship!

(please stand)

GATHERING SONG/HYMN "Better Is One Day"

How lovely is Your Dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For hear my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
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One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
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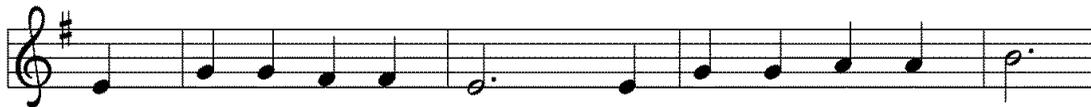
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GREETING

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



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!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hear Us Now, Our God and Father”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Spirit of the Lord God,
You bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-11

Pew Bible OT p. 767

ALLELUIA (please stand)

“The Lord Almighty Reigns”

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.
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The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

Pew Bible NT p. 63

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

SERMON

Pastor Erin

HYMN/SONG OF THE DAY “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev’ry dread disease.
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the dessert’s burning sand;
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

(please stand on last verse)

Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*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, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

The peace of Christ be with you.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

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

OFFERING MUSIC

Sue Gates

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. 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)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 SONG **“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”** **ELW 461**

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 “I Am Free”

**Through You the blind will see. Through You the mute will sing.
Through You the dead will rise. Through You all hearts will praise.
Through You the darkness flees. Through You my heart screams,
I am free! I am free!**

(Song Leader) I am free to run.

(Cong. Echo) **I am free to run.**

(Song Leader) I am free to dance.

(Cong. Echo) **I am free to dance.**

(Song Leader) I am free to live for You.

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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*

FIRST READING**Isaiah 61:1-11**

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
⁶but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.
⁷Because their shame was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.
⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge

that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

GOSPEL**Luke 4:16-21**

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."