

Mid-Week Zion Worship



Guest Speaker Nicole Wananda 7:00PM • August 12, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Opening Song: "Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down; Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came
To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know How much it cost, To see my sin Upon that cross.
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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. Amen.

The Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 NLT ¹O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ²You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. ³You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. ⁴You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. ⁵You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! ⁷I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night – ¹²but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. ¹³You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it. ¹⁵You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ¹⁷How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ¹⁸I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

P: This is the word of our Lord, C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Homily - *What does it mean to be made in the image of God?* Nicole Wananda

Song of the Day & Offering: *"Come To Me, O Weary Traveler"*

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**Vs 1: Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.**

**Vs 2: Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.**

**Vs. 3: Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.**

**Vs 4: Rest in me, O weary trav'ler; rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.**

Apostles' 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sue Majerus, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Doug & Charlotte Hindal and Pat Ferkin. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymn writers, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 & ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always C: **And also with you.**

Ushers bring offering forward.

Offertory Prayer:

P: God of abundance,

C: You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger, that all may know your care. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Verse :1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Verse 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Thank you Eve Stone for leading our music this evening!

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