

Zion United Methodist Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

A Joyful Thanksgiving
arranged by: Anna Laura Page

Zion Bell Choir

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

P: Let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

L: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

P: For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

† HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH #694

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of thanksgiving in everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.

¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who

led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

UMH #301

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Things Bright and Beautiful
arranged by: Terry Osman

Zion Bell Choir

MESSAGE

"Doing So In Gratitude"

Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

† GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

† HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

† BENEDICTION

