

If you are a guest with us, welcome! We are glad you are here. Below is some information that may be helpful to you joining us in worship.

Nursery Information:

A volunteer staffed Nursery is available during worship. You may find the Nursery by exiting the Sanctuary entry doors and turning right and going into the glass doors to the part of the building behind the Sanctuary. The Nursery can be found by going up the stairs and then to the left, down the hall, and left again. Often, one or two of our Zion hosts will be sitting at the top of the stairs to assist you.

Worship Information:

During our service, we will be saying the Lord's Prayer and singing the Doxology. If you do not know the words, please find them below.

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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"A Story of Love"
December 18, 2022
9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Lord, Your love is deep and wide: a love that covers us even when we wander into the wilderness becoming hungry and thirsty.

Many: Nothing can tear us from the grip of Your mighty love.

One: Jesus, Your love is fierce and strong: a love that is the bread of life satisfying our hunger and the living water quenching our thirst.

Many: Nothing can tear us from the grip of Your mighty love.

One: Spirit, Your love is sweet and wild: a love leads our hearts to repentance as we cry out, "Lord, help!"

Many: Nothing can tear us from the grip of Your mighty love.

One: Lord, You will not accuse nor will You condemn those who turn to You. May our hearts be humble as we rest in the saving power of Your Name.

*Invocation (in unison)

Living God, speak to us anew of your love in Jesus Christ, that we too might live in love every day and show that love to all the world. Amen.

*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #140

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response "Creator of the Stars of Night" #127 (vs 1)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Special Music "Come, O Redeemer Come"

Scripture John 1: 1-18

Sermon "A Story of Love"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Mary, Did You Know?"
(Lowry & Greene/Arr. Bock & Larson)

Response "Doxology"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Creator God, you invite us into a future filled with possibilities and promises. We give you thanks for the blessings you have given to us, so that all people might be blessed through us. Through what we offer for your service today, magnify your love and make your glory known, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" # 138

*Benediction

*Postlude

(* All who are able please stand when noted.)