Welcome to Zion!
There’s a place for you here.

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 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..."

Joel 2:12-13

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Welcome to Worship at Zion!
We are so glad that you’ve joined us! There is a place for you here. Our Lord promises to meet us here as we hear his Word proclaimed, pray for the needs of the world, and receive Him in the Lord’s Supper.

A Word About Holy Communion
Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Jesus in his body and blood. If, for reasons of health or conscience, you only choose to receive the bread or wine, please know that Jesus is fully present in each element. If you are not baptized, or have not yet received First Communion instruction, you are still welcome. Please come forward with your arms crossed at your chest to receive a blessing.

Order of Worship

We Gather

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you wish.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

OPENING LITANY

We are the people of Zion! A city on a hill, a light that cannot be hid! Following Jesus Everyone is welcome here! Following Jesus We equip each other for ministry! Following Jesus We are sent to serve our neighbor! This is the day the Lord has made Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! And also with you! Let us pray...Amen.
YOUTH MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Following the Reading: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PSALM

SECOND READING

Following the Reading: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

The Gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel...
Glory to you, O Lord!

Following the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand, as you are able.
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, and was buried; he descended into hell.
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
Following Each Petition: ...Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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

We Come to the Table

OFFERING HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray...now and forever.
Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.
GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE  (Words of Institution)

LORD’S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

During the season of Lent, we commune in silence. You are encouraged to use this time for silent prayer and meditation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...in Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.