

November 8th & 9th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Change our ways of using all that you have given, for the sake of generations to come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Teach us to bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially Dennis, Joyce, Todd and all we lift before you silently or aloud. (pause) Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A God of our future, may we prayerfully consider our commitment to this congregation, even as we wait for the pastor you would have us call to lead your ministries here at Zion. Remind us that our pledges to work and to give are not to a single person but rather to a God of generosity and love. May we be like you in all our intentions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.