

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Insert
Shine, Jesus, Shine**

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+RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE



Welcome to Zion United Church of Christ

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through,
we hope our service has blessed you on your journey
as your presence has been a blessing to us.*



**“YOU are my
SON, the
Beloved
With you I am well pleased.”**

Mark 1:11

*Zion United Church of Christ
Le Sueur, Minnesota
Pastor Robert Broeder*

*The Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2024*

9:00 a.m.

**Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in
the year.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION *Christmas Really Happened*
Shift Worship Media

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine! For our light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us.

**Though darkness covers the face of the earth,
the glory of the Lord appears.**

Nations will come to Your light and rulers to the brightness of Your dawn.

**The Lord shall be our everlasting light,
and our days of mourning shall be ended.**

A new day is dawning.

A new year is born!

+OPENING HYMN

NCH 434
All Beautiful the March of Days

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You are the searcher of hearts. You have known us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of Your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us.

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. In the new year ahead, shine Your light into the darkness of the world—into our hesitancy, into our hopelessness, and into our hardness of heart. Embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of Your love. Let it be so. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

+SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 29

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the holy word.

Amen.

HYMN

NCH 164
Arise Your Light Has Come

+GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

Nobody

Pastor Bob Broeder

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION