

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Le Sueur, Minnesota

The Rev. Janet Crissinger, Pastor

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

“Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.”

St. Francis of Assisi



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

The Names of Jesus

Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

The glory of God is declared in the holy silence of the heavens,
and told in the silent succession of day and night.

**No speech, or word or voice is heard; yet they speak to all the
world, and their words reach to the ends of the earth.**

The sun courses from one end of the heavens to the farthest reaches,
and nothing is hidden from its heat or light.

**So nothing that we do or say or whisper in our hearts
is hidden from the Lord.**

Let our praise go forth to highest heaven;

And our songs and prayers be never-ending.

+GATHERING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

NCH #193

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God,

**We confess that we have turned our eyes off of you. We have not done your will, we have
rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Our minds have been set on the things of this world, rather than on your Kingdom. Thus,
we have failed to follow you. Let us not gain the world and forfeit our life, but rest all that
we are and all that we have upon you. Forgive us we pray, and free us by your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON.

+GLORIA PATRI

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Bob Braun, Eileen Wells, Lynn Reinhardt, Mark Pinney, Tanya Dvorak, Lauralie Axtel, Victoria Manske, Bar Mostaghimi, Dustin Kahle, Jeff Reddemann, Larry Lehman, Bill Sinell

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Eternal God, You have called these persons to serve among us. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them that they may serve You with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties, that Your will may be done in and through our congregation. Amen.

HYMN

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NCH #393

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

Reader: Khloe Kahle

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

Amen.

+GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Unmistaken Identity

Pr. Crissinger

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NCH #493

+BENEDICTION

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.
