



"Sir,
we would see
Jesus."

John 12:21

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

PRELUDE

OPENING REFLECTION

Run

Shift Worship Media

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross,

We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.

So we may make our journey, and let us worship God.

CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are.

We struggle with even the *idea* of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full.

Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by your Spirit to *let go* of our fear and pride. Grant to us the power to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God. We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI

+SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Reader: Sue Felmlee

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL

John 12:20-36

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
+DOXOLOGY

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of innumerable mercies, give us the grace to be daily buried in the love of Christ, like the seed that is buried in the earth, and thereby may we begin to live more abundantly. With this offering today, may we share that fruitful life which spent in loving others can glorify your name throughout the world. Then may the earth know its Savior who, with you in the unity of the Spirit, are loved and worshipped, world without end. Amen

+CLOSING HYMN

We Would See Jesus

Tune: LONDONDERRY Air

*We would see Jesus; lo! His star is shining
Above the stable while the angels sing;
There in a manger on the hay reclining;
Haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.
We would see Jesus, Mary's Son most holy,
Light of the village life from day to day;
Shining revealed through every task most lowly,
The Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.*

*We would see Jesus, on the mountain teaching,
With all the list'ning people gathered round;
While birds and flow'rs and sky above are preaching
The blessedness which simple trust has found.
We would see Jesus, for the shadows lengthen
Across the little landscape of our life,
We would see Jesus, our weak faith to strengthen
For the last conflict, in the mortal strife.*

*We would see Jesus, in His work of healing,
At eventide before the sun was set;
Divine and human, in His deep revealing
Of God *made flesh, in loving service met.
We would see Jesus, in the early morning,
Still as of old He calleth, "Follow Me!"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;
Lord, we are Thine, we give ourselves to Thee.*

+BENEDICTION
+RESPONSE
+POSTLUDE
