

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, accept the offerings we bring to You in a variety of ways—through our voices, our talents, our resources, our time. Grant that they may go where we cannot go, that they may reach where we cannot reach, that they may do what we cannot do. Use them to strengthen Your Church and advance Your kingdom here where we are and far beyond for Jesus' sake. Amen.

+HYMN **In Christ There is No East or West** NCH #394

+BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



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Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Church School: Wednesday, September-May

Recorded Worship Broadcast Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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*How can I understand
unless someone guides me?*

Acts 8:31

*Zion United Church of Christ
Le Sueur, Minnesota
The Rev. Janet Crissinger, Pastor*

The Fifth of Easter

April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

“When I say “it’s you I like,” I’m talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch.

That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which human kind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”

Fred Rogers



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION *Psalm 9:1-4* Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 19*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

We gather with open hearts, to receive the presence of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

To you we lift our voices in praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE **Sing Them Over Again to Me NCH #319**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

THE PEACE

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:7-10 NIV

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

RECOGNIZING OUR TEACHERS

ANTHEM

Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Young Voices of Zion

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-39

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Unstoppable”

Pastor Jan

OFFERING

+DOXOLOGY

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Praise God above, you heav’nly host.

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**