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We Walk By Faith 2196

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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.

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Zion United Church of Christ
Le Sueur, Minnesota
The Reverend Janet Crissinger, Pastor
Sunday, April 7, 2024

The First Sunday after Easter

9:00 a.m.

“In the end, God’s will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through Him, in Him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. *Christ our Lord has risen.*”

Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION. *After the Cross* Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 1:4-6*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witnesses,

the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

+CONFESSION

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

Silence is kept.

+FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE

+SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

Reader: Andie Brinkman

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

Amen.

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

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These Things Did Thomas Count

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+RESPONSE

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION