

\*RESPONSE

**May the Lord Be Always With You**

\*POSTLUDE



+ *You are invited to rise, as you are able.*



**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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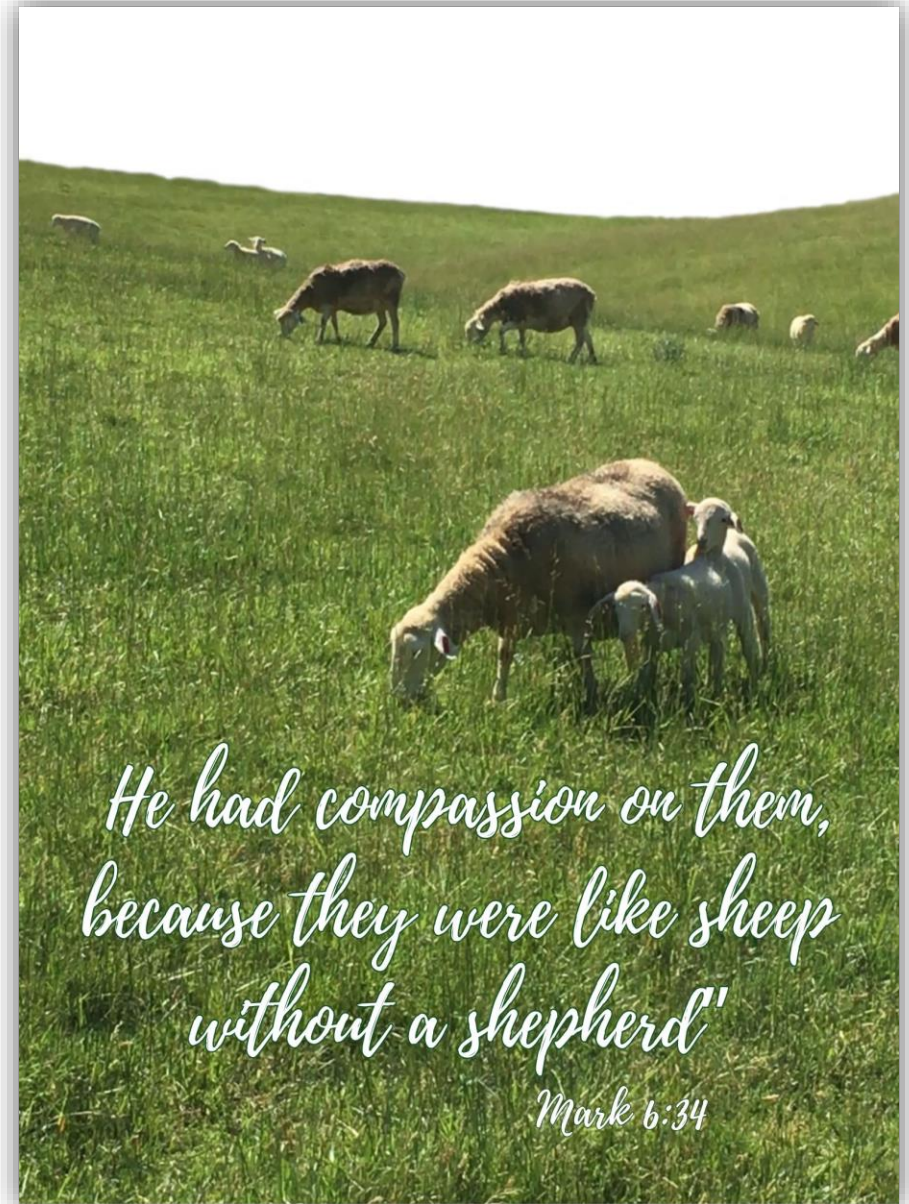
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**Zion United Church of Christ  
Le Sueur, Minnesota  
The Rev. Robert Broeder, Pastor Emeritus**

July 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

With God, the impossible is not an obstacle but an invitation.

Craig Lounsbrough, Author



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

*We Are Still His Church*  
Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 23

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,  
**and gives us refreshment of soul.**

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,  
**so that the name of God will be glorified.**

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,  
**for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.**

We are never too far away from the love and mercy of the Lord,  
**and we shall be with him for ever and ever.**

Let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN

**Rock of Ages**

**NCH #596**

CONFESSION

*God of endless grace, We rejoice that you invite us to share in a special banquet of the finest things, a celebration banquet that reveals your heavenly Kingdom. Help us to respond to your invitation and not to refuse it.*

**Help us to put away our old clothes of sin and wear instead the garments of your Kingdom.**

**Today we ask for your forgiveness**

**for living without your presence in our lives;**

**for relying on our own achievements;**

**for believing that we are the architects of our own destiny;**

**for living as though you have no place in our modern world.**

**Forgive us, restore us, renew us, and equip us to do Your will on earth, until the dawning of your heavenly Kingdom. Help us to find the riches of your grace, as we hear your word, and meet with you in prayer. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:12-22

Reader: Mason Franta

*May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the Word.*

**Amen.**

HYMN

**How Firm a Foundation**

**NCH #407**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 54-56

*The word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

*"Pattern for Life"*

Pr. Bob Broeder, Pastor Emeritus

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,**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

**NCH #495**

\*BENEDICTION