

+RECESSIONAL HYMN **We Plow the Fields and Scatter** Insert

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



Welcome to Zion United Church of Christ

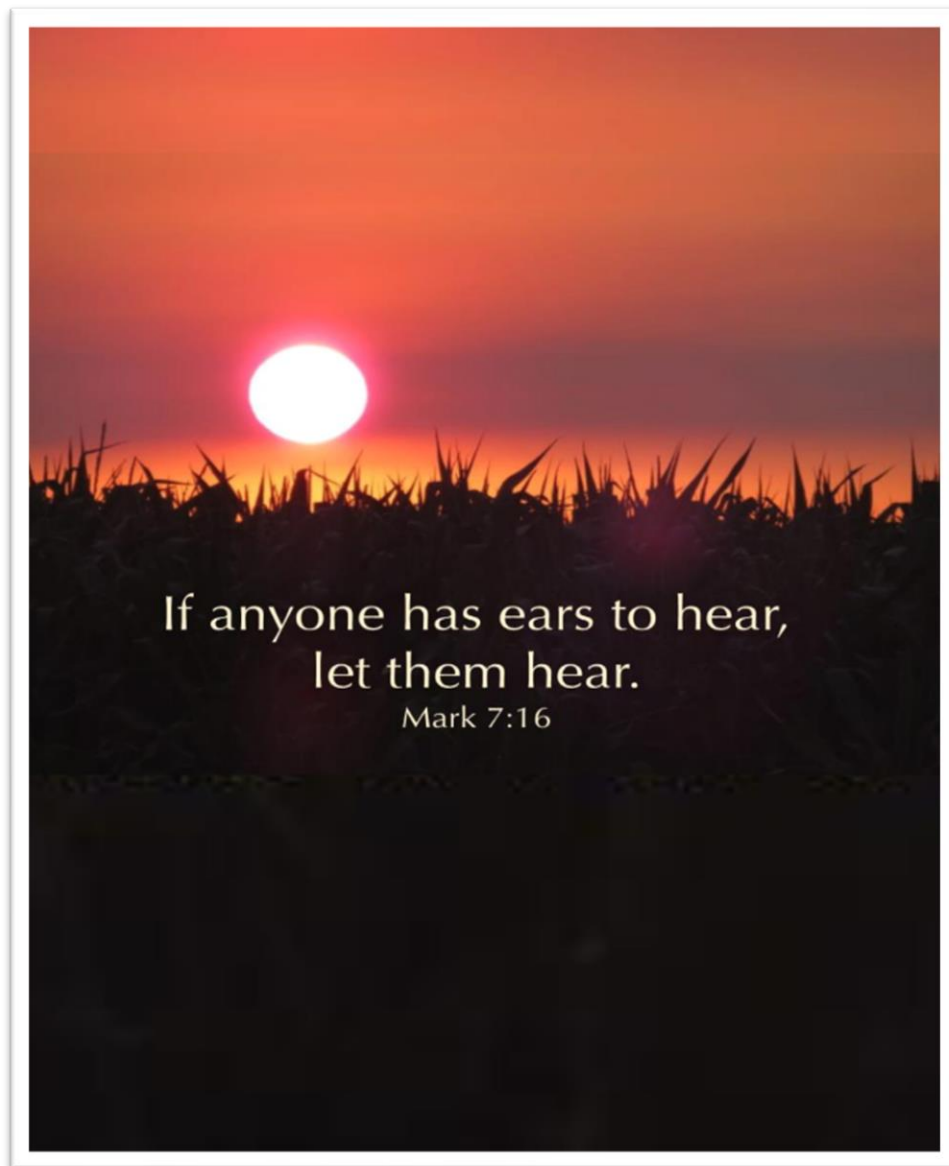
*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on
your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.
If you are visiting Zion today, please sign the guest card so that we
can personally greet you.*

**The United Church of Christ
God is still speaking.**

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Le Sueur, Minnesota**

The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Labor Day Sunday

September 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

The dream is ended. This is the morning.

C.S. Lewis

*Quoted by Meagan McCain on the death of her father,
Sen. John McCain*



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION *What is Your Work?* Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

We come to worship the God of the ages who calls us

from work to rest, from night into day, from death into life.

+OPENING HYMN **Earth and All Stars** Insert

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we often deny justice and joy to many in our world. There are worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and the absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

Through the power of your Spirit, shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE

+SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Eileen Wells

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

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

Amen.

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE **Second-Guessing Jesus** Pastor Jan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN **One Bread One Body** Insert

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+BENEDICTION