

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

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The LORD God is a *sun* and a *shield*;
 the LORD bestows *favor* and
honor; no good thing does
 He *withhold* from those
 who walk *uprightly*.

Psalm 84:11

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

9:00 A.M.

By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace
which others are just as entitled to as we are.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer - The Cost of Discipleship



GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION *Who You Say We Are* Shift Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+HYMN How Lovely Is your Dwelling Place NCH #600

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of daylight and darkness, all our time belongs to You. Yet how often we fail to notice Your nearness, experience Your goodness, and trust Your guidance. We seek the “good times,” and miss Your work in the shadows. We fear to look deep within ourselves, and prefer instead to examine the lives of others. Sometimes it feels we have no place left to run; no place left to hide.

Loving God, hold us near to You as the seasons change, so that we may find the courage to both look within, and look upward to You. Whether we walk in brightness or darkness, let us always know Your healing, freeing, guiding presence. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

+SHARING THE PEACE

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 84

Reader: Sue Felmlee

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Before You Look Down, Look Up” Pastor Jan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring Verse One

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory, receive these humble gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to Your heart, that all creation may be brought from bondage into freedom, from darkness into light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+BENEDICTION

+HYMN Spirit of Gentleness NCH #286

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+POSTLUDE
