



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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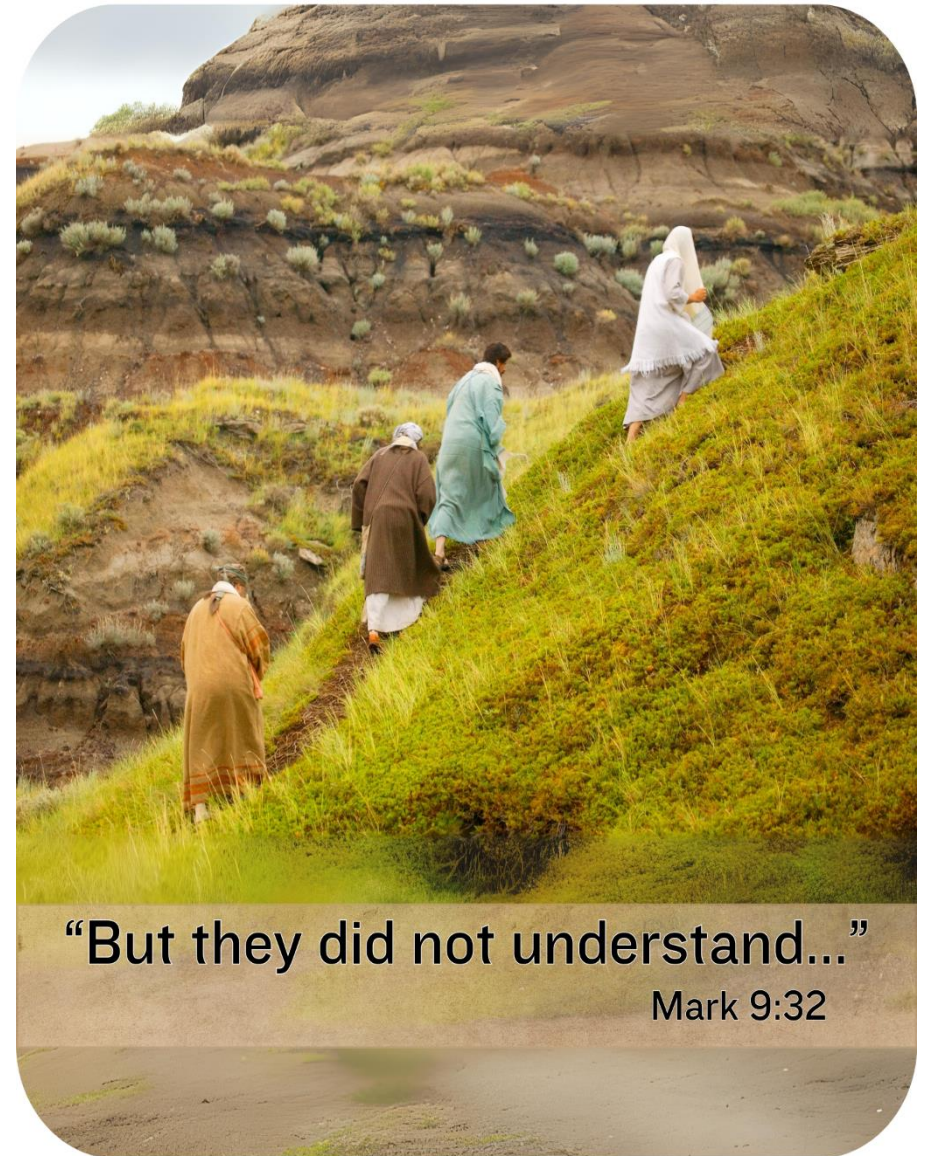
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**“But they did not understand...”**  
Mark 9:32

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The key to learning is an awareness of where you lack understanding. James Pierce



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 54)

Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence of the Sovereign God.

**God is our helper, the upholder of life.**

The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and redeems, listens and responds.

**God is our helper, the upholder of life.**

Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

**God is our helper, the upholder of life.**

\*OPENING HYMN **Holy God We Praise Thy Name** NCH #276

CONFESSION

**Holy Love, we confess that too often we become fixated with our position in the world. We love the exercise of our own power and exert it over others rather for the benefit of the common good and your kingdom. Transform our hearts to crave you as the source of our power and love the only good and fulfilling demonstration of it. Make us your instruments of peace, joy, and hope in the world and agents of new life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI

+SHARING THE PEACE

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
THREE-FOLD AMEN

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader:

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

**Amen.**

HYMN

**Take My Life, God, Let It Be**

**NCH #448**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

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

**Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

***“What Was He Trying to Teach?”***

Pr. Bob Broeder, Pastor Emeritus

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring Verse 1

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

**NCH #63**

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

+POSTLUDE

