



*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to
serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45*

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA**

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 2024

9:00 A.M.

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy;
Then I awoke and realized
that life was Service.
And then I went to work —
and, lo and behold I discovered that Service is Joy
Rabindranath Tagore

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

I Corinthians 13:12

Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Welcome! There are many places we could be this morning,
but we have chosen to be here:

Where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer – yet also filled with challenge:

Where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

Welcome to God's House, the most challenging place in town:

Where we meet God and neighbor, and hear the call to be disciples.

Let us worship God.

+GATHERING HYMN

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Insert

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not pray in order to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. Despite our failings, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.

Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

Reader: Cindy Braun

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN

In A Lowly Manger Born

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+GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Collision Course

Pastor Jan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace: May our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may they bring light to the shadows of those who wander alone; may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing your praises. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

+BENEDICTION

+HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

+BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

+POSTLUDE



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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