



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, October 16, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,

People: And come hoping to learn things useful and heart-full.

L: Some of us are confident in "what we have learned and what we have believed."

P: And come longing to share our heart-full knowledge.

L: We have all come to learn from each other and from the words of scripture:

P: You write your sacred texts, O God, in scripture and on our hearts; you welcome us into depths of understanding. Meet us here and lead us deeper into you; equip us for every good work. Join our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us your ways of justice and joy. For this purpose we gather, O Holy One. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

Hymnal #363

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INVOCATION

Divine One, from whom we seek a way to live that honors you, come and remind us of the law you have written on our hearts. God of our being, enter us by your Spirit and show us how sweet Your words are. Holy One of our yearning, bring your comfort and strength to this gathering that we may all partake of your wondrous love and welcome you to our lives. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God: The only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; The Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of overflowing grace, We come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, And strengthen us to serve you In all that we do or say; Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, Who gave himself up for us all, Your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE : Luke 18:1-8

SERMON: Ask Boldly, Live Justly

HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal #422

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

L: Hear us, O God. **P: Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

Children of the Covenanting God, let us give generously today that God's work may be made manifest among the peoples. Please prepare your tithes and offerings.

*DOXOLOGY

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. AMEN.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Hymnal #166

BENEDICTION

We leave today, meditating on God's decree given in scripture and on our hearts. Let us find the Holy One day by day in "heart-full" knowledge as a covenanting God who calls us to keep our part of the bargain. Let us go forth certain of the presence of our good God.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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