



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

Preacher: Rev. Joel Risser

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

PRELUDE

Ruth Ann Arnold, Jennifer Blystone & Sarah Wagner

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

*OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal #409

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come.

People: Let us be God's community.

L: Come with love.

P: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

L: Come with curiosity.

P: We are one body, one planet, one Church.

L: Come with hope.

P: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

L: Let us worship.

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 live within us. Amen

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE : Luke 17:5-10

SERMON: Planted Seeds

OFFERING

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

We give thanks for the planet we share with all of God's creation and for imagining a world-made-new. Let us share what we have as one way of creating a world free from hunger, poverty, and oppression.

***OFFERTORY**

**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**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Hymnal #418

ORDER OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Friends, what we are about to do is to celebrate the Joyful Feast of the people of God.

People: When we are able, with the Holy One, to experience the vision of love for God's Global Village, here on earth – then all of creation will come as equal companions to sit at this table.

Pastor: In the meantime, you and I are invited to eat and drink, to be nourished and renewed for the ongoing work of justice, embracing mercy and walking humbly with God.

People: This is an open table, all are welcome, no exceptions.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy One, One of many names and faces, we thank you for how the light came out of darkness, for the division of the waters and dry land, for creating the whole planet up and through the cosmos and calling it sacred.

People: We thank you for creating us in your image, to live connected with love, for the gift of life, speech, and movement and freedom to live in Your Way.

Pastor: Moses revealed your vision in commandments. Your prophets unleashed cries for justice when your planet's beauty was violated.

People: Through long generations we have ebbed and flowed with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal. In the most beautiful and oppressive of times, You still called us beloved.

Pastor: You are full of wonder and awe, O God. Your ways are just and prophetic. With all of creation in all times and places, with our brothers and sisters around your planet we sing to you in one voice:

SERAPHIC HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

CALL TO COMMUNION

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD

SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God's Way. We give thanks!

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal #1

BENEDICTION

Go forth, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not according to our works, but to God's purpose and grace.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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