



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, October 23, 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: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!

People: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!

L: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

P: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.

L: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea. You calm the uproar of the nations.
You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

P: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

***OPENING HYMN**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INVOCATION

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. 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

HYMN *Just As I Am* Hymnal #424

SCRIPTURE : Luke 18:9-14

SERMON: Just Worship

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

In response to the promise of abundant life God calls us to share our resources with those in need. In that spirit of generosity, let us offer our gifts and tithes.

*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

Loving God, we give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.

*HYMN *He Leadeth Me* Hymnal #408

BENEDICTION

Go into the world, renewed in hope and restored by God's vision. Go into the world to share God's grace and mercy. Go into the world and proclaim the Good News of what God has done for you. To that end, may the blessings of God be with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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