



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, October 9, 2022

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

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

People: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

L: Pray for your communities

P: Keep God in the center of all that is.

L: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

P: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

L: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

P: and we can trust the promise.

*OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INVOCATION

We stand in awe of you, Most Gracious God. You love your people no matter the circumstance.

You want us to live meaningful lives with you at the center. So, we say to you, Loving God - Come!

Send you Holy Spirit to dwell with us in our worship. Open our hearts to receive and our minds to be challenged by the teachings of Jesus the Christ. This we pray. 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 live within us. Amen

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 17:11-19

SERMON: Mercy for Me

HYMN *Abide With Me* Hymnal #358

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

Most Gracious God, You provide for us in ways that we do not always recognize. In this moment, we pause to express our gratitude for your provisions. We accept this invitation to offer our gifts as an opportunity to say thank you for your many blessings.

*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 *Trust and Obey* Hymnal #205

BENEDICTION

Go forth singing God's praises, remembering God's promises and blessings. Joyfully give back to the world the love you have received believing that God loves all creation and abides with us.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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