



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship and Worldwide Communion
Sunday, October 4, 2020

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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[10:55 a.m.]

WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell
A Note on Communion

CALL TO WORSHIP

[Exodus 20:1]

Pastor: O Lord, you are God. There is no other God but you.

People: We renounce all that we have allowed to come between us.

Pastor: We worship You. We praise and honor Your name on this, Your holy day.

All: For Your love, for Your Word, for all that You have given, Lord, we thank You. We love You.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

³ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving, sovereign God, whose reign extends round our globe and beyond, we rejoice in Your greatness on this World Communion Sunday.

People: We give thanks for Your unending goodness.

Pastor: In all the corners of the earth, You are faithfully building Your Church: in crowded Indian villages, in sunny Caribbean islands, in remote Chinese hamlets, in busy South African townships, in diverse American cities.

People: We give thanks for the vast embrace of Your love, for the multicolored church You are creating.

Pastor: Grant, Lord, that we may truly be one Church with one baptism, one hope in one Lord Jesus Christ, to the end of the age, to the praise of God's glory. **Amen.**

PRAYERS for the People and Pastoral Prayer

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: A Special Meal

THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20: 2-4, 7-9, 12-18a; John 6:2-15, 25-35, 45-59

SERMON: Parallels and Promise

OFFERING

For the Life that You Have Given

[Sing twice]

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are Your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve You, living what we pray and sing.**

COMMUNION

Invitation

[John 6:35, 54]

Then Jesus declared, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty... Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

Call to Confession

[Exodus 20; John 6:26-27]

The Ten Commandments... Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for Me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

[John 6:38-39]

For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of the One Who sent me... that I shall lose none of all those who have been given to Me but raise them up at the last day.

Declaration of Faith

[Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54]

Pastor: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Catholic (Universal) Church"?

People: **I believe that the Son of God through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

Preparation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Shepherd of Souls

[Tune: *Jesus the very Thought of Thee*]

**¹ Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.**

**² We would not live by bread alone, but by Your Word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.**

Sharing of the Wine

Shepherd of Souls

**³ Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread Your table in our heart.**

**⁴ Lord, sup with us in love divine: Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, we give You thanks for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with joy in the sacrament of communion. Lead us to the full unity of Your church; help us to treasure each sign of reconciliation You have granted us. Now that we have tasted the banquet You have prepared for us in the world to come, may we all one day share together the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

**¹ Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal – the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sin sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ to heal.**

**² Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.**

**³ Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with one accord – with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.**

**⁴ Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song – the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Jesus said, "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you... The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent...
Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life and I will raise them up at the last day."-
John 6:27, 29

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