



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, November 1, 2020

Pastor: Bruce Farrell
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

The ringing of the bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Obadiah; Malachi 1:1, 5; Romans 5:8, 6:23, 8:23, 29-30, 38-39, 12:19]

Pastor: Today, we are going to hear what our Lord God says through the prophet Obadiah, who lived in a very, very dark time. We'll be reminded of the fathomless love of God in Christ Jesus to His people. Come now and worship God.

People: You love us when we do not show our love for You. Indeed, even when we oppose You, You are loyal and Your love is unwavering.

Pastor: Your love endures forever. Nothing can separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord – not death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created things.

People: Your greatness extends through all time to the very ends of the earth.

Pastor: You avenge Your foes and ours.

People: Your love goes so far that even while we were still sinners, You sent Your one and only Son to die in our place.

Pastor: Your love in Christ offers deliverance, salvation, redemption, forgiveness, reconciliation, sanctification, glorification, eternal life and hope. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

*HYMN

In Christ Alone

**¹In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**²In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**³There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**⁴No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home. Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: The Church Around the World

SCRIPTURE: Obadiah; Romans 12:17-21; Revelation 21:9-14

CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

[Obadiah 15]

The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. We come in confession that at times...

Responsive Confession

[from Obadiah and Romans 12:17-21]

Pastor: The pride of our hearts has deceived us; we have been arrogant.

People: We have stood aloof while others have hurt our brothers and sisters.

Pastor: We have looked down on others in the day of their misfortune; we have gloated and even rejoiced – to our shame.

People: We have not fed our enemies or given them something to drink as You, Jesus, have asked.

Pastor: We have repaid evil for evil; we have taken revenge rather than overcoming evil with good.

All: We have not lived at peace with everyone.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance

[Obadiah 17]

But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy and the house of Jacob will possess its inheritance.

ANTHEM

My Lord, What a Morning
Roberto Marti, Director of Music

SERMON: Small Books with Big Messages #3. Obadiah ~ When Things Go Wrong

UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

[Obadiah 20; Luke 6:30-31, 35-36]

Jesus, we come to You with our offerings of time, talent and treasure. You have asked us to do to others as we wish them to do for us, to give to all who ask, to feed our hungry enemies, even to love and do good to them. You have promised us that our reward will be great and we will be children of the Most High, because You are kind and merciful to all including the ungrateful and wicked. Accept these gifts that come of the overflow of Your love for us.

God will Make a Way

**God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.**

**He will be my guide – hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way.**

PRAYERS for the people, our nation's elections, 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.**

*HYMN

For All the Saints

**¹ For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**² Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**³ O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁴ And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁵ But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁶ From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau and the kingdom will be the Lord's...

When the seventh angel blew his trumpet, there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah and He will rule as king forever and ever..."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let the one who hears say, "Come!"

Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes, take the free gift of the water of life...

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Obadiah 21, Revelation 11:15, 22:17, 20b, 21

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