



## Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship and Communion on Thanksgiving Sunday  
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

ANTHEM

*A Thanksgiving Canticle*  
Roberto Marti

\*CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG

*Come Ye Thankful People Come*

**Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

[Psalm 65]

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion. We will keep our promises to You.  
You answer prayer. All people will come to You.  
When our sins overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions.  
Blessed are the people You choose and bring near to live in Your courts! We are filled with the good things of Your house.  
You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior.  
You are the only hope of everyone throughout the world.  
You formed the mountains by Your mighty strength.  
You stilled the roaring of the seas and the turmoil of the nations. The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders.  
From where the sun rises to where it sets, You inspire shouts of joy.  
You enrich the earth abundantly with water causing seeds to sprout across the land.  
You crown the year with Your bounty, sending rich harvests of grain. The pastures are filled with flocks.  
The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture and the hillsides blossom with joy.  
All the world shouts with joy and sings.

\*HYMN

*We Gather Together*

**<sup>1</sup> We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing. And humbly confessing our faith, we now sing.  
Our anthem ascending speaks gratitude unending. To You, O Lord of Life, glad praises we bring.**

**<sup>2</sup> We worship You, Spirit triumphant, we bless You. Through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been.  
When perils overtake us, a refuge You will make us that on the greater journey, Lord, we may begin.**

**<sup>3</sup> With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Let Your benediction confirm our conviction that love and light are Yours; to You ever be praise.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: What are you having for Thanksgiving?

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.**

OFFERING

THE SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, 11:18-34

SERMON: A Cup of Thanksgiving

### CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[1 Corinthians 11: 27-29]

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

*Unison Confession*

Forgive us Lord...

**When we do not flee from idolatry.**

**When we, in our church, though we share one loaf, are divided.**

**When we humiliate those who have nothing.**

**When we don't remember You when we are taking the bread and the cup.**

We continue to examine ourselves and confess our sins in silence.

### COMMUNION

*The Words of Institution*

[from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26]

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

With joy we praise You, gracious God, for You created heaven and earth, made us in Your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin.

We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who by His life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life and that before He suffered, He gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until He comes again.

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord, our God, send Your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus

Christ. May we and all Your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love.

Gather Your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of Your kingdom.

*Invitation to Communion*

*Communion*

*Communion Song*

*Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong". Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

*Response of Praise and Prayer*

[Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12]

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**All my inmost being will praise Your holy Name.**

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**Do not forget all Your benefits.**

You forgive all our sins

**and heal all our diseases,**

You redeem our lives from the pit

**and crown us with love and compassion.**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,

**to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

\*HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

Tune: Morning has Broken

**<sup>1</sup>Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, You have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**<sup>2</sup>Father, providing food for Your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another,  
so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know Your care.**

**<sup>3</sup>Then will Your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing Your gracious hand.  
Where You are reigning, no one will hunger; Your love sustaining showers the land.**

### BENEDICTION

Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

### POSTLUDE

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