



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, July 5, 2020

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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME

Ring of the Bell

ANTHEM

*God Bless the U.S.A*

Soloist: Roberto Marti

PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

[Exodus 3:7-10; Leviticus 25:13, 18; Isaiah 61:1-3; and Psalm 18, John 8:31-32, 36; Romans 6:17-18; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1, 13; and Titus 3:3-5]

Come worship our Lord Who said, "I have observed the misery of My people. I have heard their cry. I know their sufferings and I have come down to deliver them and to bring them up to a land flowing with milk and honey..."

We worship You God. You sent Your Son, Jesus, to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners ... to comfort all who mourn – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

We come to continue in Your Word, to truly be Your disciples; to know the truth which will set us free. You set us free for freedom. We come to learn to use our freedom, not as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love to become servants of one another. We worship the Holy Spirit for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

You, God, are our shield, our stronghold, and our deliverer – our fortress in Whom we take refuge. Let us give glory to the Son Who has made us free, free indeed.

HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**<sup>1</sup>Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man.  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**<sup>2</sup>Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**<sup>3</sup>Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**<sup>4</sup>Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

PRAYERS for the People and Pastoral Prayer

Worries, fears, prides and thanksgivings

SONG

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

[After each section of prayer, we will sing this song.]

**Jesus, Name above all names. Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us. Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

[Repeat once]

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: Let's Ring our Bell

## SCRIPTURE and SERMON

### Liberty #1

### God's Standard of Liberty

Scripture: Leviticus 25:10

Consecrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan.

### Liberty #2

### The Passover

Scripture: Exodus 13:3a, 12:26-27

Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand... And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, Who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

### Two Abuses of Liberty

Scriptures: Romans 13:5-8, 9; 1 Corinthians 8:9

Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbor... Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

### Liberty #3

### Jesus, the Liberator

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

### Liberty #4

### From Human Laws or Rules

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery... You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

### Liberty #5

### To see Jesus in Others

Scripture Matthew 25:37-40

Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."

## HYMN

### *America the Beautiful*

**<sup>1</sup>O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**<sup>2</sup>O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

**<sup>3</sup>O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

**<sup>4</sup>O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

## BENEDICTION

## NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

## POSTLUDE

To [those] who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples.  
Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

John 8:31-32

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