



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, August 23, 2020

Pastor: Bruce Farrell
Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME

The ringing of the bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Colossians 1]

Pastor: Come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In Him all things were created. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

People: Jesus is the head of the Body, the Church. He has supremacy over everything. For You, God, were pleased to have Your fullness dwell in Him.

Pastor: Rejoice because once you were alienated from God because of your evil behavior. But You, God, were pleased to reconcile all to Yourself through Christ, making peace through Your Son's blood, shed on the cross to present us holy in Your sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

People: God has chosen us to make known the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Pastor: Come give God all the praise!

HYMN

Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

- ¹ Praise the One Who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One Who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One Who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- ² Praise the One Who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One Who drove out demons with a piercing, two edged sword.
Praise the One Who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- ³ Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the One redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

PRAYERS

Confession

[2 Corinthians 4:7]

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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.**

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him
Soloist: Roberto Marti

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: When It's Hard to Follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE

[Colossians 4:25b-26]

The Word of God in its fullness [is] the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

Isaiah 53:3-5; Matthew 5:10; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; Colossians 1:15-27

SONG

Knowing You

**All I once held dear, built my life upon; all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this:**

Refrain

***Knowing You, Jesus; knowing You - there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best. You're my joy, my righteousness and I love You, Lord.***

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more; to be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn: all-surpassing gift of righteousness.**

Refrain

**Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.**

Refrain

SERMON: Suffering Servants

HYMN

Dying Savior, as Your Body

Tune: Joyful, Joyful

**Dying Savior, as Your Body what a joy to share in You.
Shame and suffering, yet rejoicing, death, yet life forever new.
Christ, our Light in all this darkness! Shine, O Bright and Morning Star!
Soon the dawning, soon the morning, soon the sun of all You are!**

**You are joy in all its fullness, rich supply for every need,
Strength when we are weak and weary, light if we but let You lead.
Pressured, yet we march triumphant, trusting One forever true,
Loving, patient, persevering, meek, but tall and strong in You.**

**Brothers, sisters still are suffering for the Lord they glorify.
Bathe them in Your holy presence as they bow to lift You high.
May we share their total giving, all we are and all we own,
One in heart and one in purpose, giving all to make You known.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may also be revealed...
2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 11