



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, August 30, 2020
Tractor Sunday

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 [9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME

The ringing of the bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Psalm 8]

Pastor: Come and worship and adore our Lord.

People: How majestic is Your Name in all the earth! Your glory reaches to the heavens.

Pastor: Through the praise of children and infants, You have established a fortress that quashes Your foes and those who seek revenge.

People: We consider the work of Your fingers – the moon and the stars which You have set in place.

Pastor: Then we wonder, "What are mere mortals that You care for us?"

People: You have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

Pastor: You appointed us rulers over all You have made. You put everything under our authority

People: – all the flocks and herds, the wild animals, the birds in the sky, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!

*HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King

**¹ 1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**² 2 O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice; you lights of evening find a voice:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**³ 3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear: alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁴ 4 Earth ever fertile, day by day, bring forth your blessings on our way; alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let then his glory also show:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁵ 5 All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁶ 6 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*AFFIRMATION

[from the 1561 Belgic Confession, Article 2 (Romans 1:20)]

Pastor: By what means do we know God? We know God by two means. First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God – God's eternal power and divinity. All these things are enough to convict humans and to leave them without excuse.

People: Second, God makes Himself known to us more clearly by His holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation.

PRAYERS

Confession

Prayers for the people and pastoral prayer, especially school – for students, teachers and parents

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: Get to Work in God's Garden

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:27-2:25

SONG

Thou Art Worthy

[Sing twice]

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created, Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created – Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

SERMON: Lessons from God's Garden

OFFERING

We are an Offering

[Repeat until the offering is complete.]

**We lift our voices. We lift our hands. We lift our lives up to You. We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives; they are Yours. We are an offering.
All that we have. All that we are. All that we hope to be. We give to You. We give to You.
We lift our voices. We lift our hands. We lift our lives up to You. We are an offering. We are an offering.**

*HYMN

Your Servant Comes this Hour

(To Rise Up O Saints of God)

**¹ Your servants come this hour in true humility,
believing in Your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me."
² Your servants kneel in prayer, awaiting from above
the touch which sets their lives apart for ministries of love.
³ Your servants stand this day implanted in the Word;
prepared to share the holy truth, proclaim it lamp and sword.
⁴ Your servants leave this place with confidence secure,
and by the Holy Spirit bear the fruit which shall endure.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and BLESSING OVER OUR MEAL

POSTLUDE

Because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions ... It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.
For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10

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