



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
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## PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

## WELCOME

The ringing of the bell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

[Philippians 3:1, 4:4]

My brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

## SONGS FROM PHILIPPIANS

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

[Philippians 4:1]

**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.  
Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say rejoice.**

*Repeat*

## OPENING PASTORAL PRAYER

O Lord, Our God! We meet today to give You praise for Your most amazing plan that was carried out when You permitted our Lord Jesus Christ to be imprisoned so that we may be free, to be declared guilty so that our guilt may be taken away, to suffer so that we have joy, to be put to death so that we have life eternal. You exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name. Left to ourselves we are lost. None of us deserved to be rescued, not one. Our citizenship is in heaven. We eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose power enables Him to bring everything under His control. Come into our midst Jesus so we may know You more. We are here to acknowledge that You Jesus, are Lord, to God's glory, and to show our gratitude by singing You a new song and declaring Your glory throughout the earth.

## HYMN

*And Can It Be?*

**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain – for me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**He left His Father's throne above – So free, so infinite His grace –  
Emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! *Refrain***

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray – I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain***

## PRAYERS

### Confession

[Acts 28:26-27, Philippians 1:27]

You are ever hearing but never understanding; you are ever seeing but never perceiving ... Your heart has become calloused... Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Prayer for the people and pastoral prayer

[Philippians 1:4-6]

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel ... being confident of this: that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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.**

SONGS FROM PHILIPPIANS

*He is Lord*

[Philippians 2:10-11]

**He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**You are Lord, You are Lord. You have risen from the dead and You are Lord  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Bored, Nothing to Do

SCRIPTURE: Acts 28:30-31; Philippians 1:1-11, 2:5-11, 4:4-7, 13

SONGS FROM PHILIPPIANS

*Knowing You*

[Philippians 1:23, 29; 3:7-10]

**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: Lessons from Prison ~ Life on Hold

HYMN

*He Leadeth Me*

**He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught.  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By waters still, over troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

*Refrain*

***He leadeth me, He leadeth me. By His own hand He leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be for by His hand He leadeth me.***

**Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine.  
Content, whate'er my lot may be, since 'tis Thine hand that leadeth me. *Refrain***

**And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain***

BENEDICTION

[Philippians 1:9-11]

No matter where you are or what your circumstances, may your love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you are able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God!

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Rejoice in the Lord always. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice.

From Philippians 4:4-9

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