

Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, November 14, 2021

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE Tara Zimmerman

A PRAYER ON VETERAN'S DAY 2LT Xavier Barnes Easy

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Today's texts]

Pastor: Come leave your sycamore tree; Jesus is coming to our house today.

People: We'll come at once to welcome You gladly and to see Who You are Jesus. Pastor: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, the Son of Man.

People: You came to seek and to save the lost.

Pastor: We are here to learn to follow You and to fish for people.

People: We are here to worship You.

Pastor: Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

*HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

¹You servants of God, your Master proclaim and publish abroad Christ's wonderful Name. The Name all-victorious of Jesus extol. His Kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

²God rules in the heights, Almighty to save. Though hid from our sight, Christ's presence we have. The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

³"Salvation to God Who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

⁴Then let us adore and give Christ His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Windows

[John 1:43-51]

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Romans 6:8-11]

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Responsive Confession [today's texts]

Pastor: We don't go out of our way, as Zacchaeus did, to seek you. **People: We, too, like your ancient disciples, have doubts.**

Pastor: We don't want to leave what we know to follow You, certainly not immediately.

People: Jesus said, "Come, follow me AND..." We tend to forget the "and".

Pastor: We are uncomfortable as fishers of people.

People: Perhaps we don't know You well enough to be passionate about sharing.

Pastor: We haven't taught new disciples to obey You.

People: We fish for so many things other than the people You have come to save.

Assurance of Pardon [Matthew 11:28-29]

Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." May your souls rest in the assurance that, through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-22, 28: 16-20; Luke 19:1-10

SERMON: Lessons for a Healthy Church #6 ~ The Church that Reaches Out

SONG People Need the Lord [Sing twice]

People need the Lord. People need the Lord At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door. People need the Lord. People need the Lord. When will we realize people need the Lord?

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING [from Luke 19:8-9a]

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house..."

PRAYERS of 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.

*HYMN

We have Heard the Joyful Sound

¹We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Bear the news to every land. Climb the steeps and cross the waves. Onward! 'tis our Lord's command.

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

²Send it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Sing, you islands of the sea! Echo back, you ocean caves! Earth shall keep her jubilee:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

³Sing above the battle strife: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! By His death and endless life: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Sing it softly through the gloom when the heart for mercy craves. Sing in triumph o'er the tomb:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

⁴Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves. This our song of victory:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

BENDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

Citations for Worship 2021.11.7