



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

PASTORAL INVOCATION

[Chrysostom, 4th century]

As we gather to worship You, Lord Jesus, of might inconceivable, of glory incomprehensible, of mercy immeasurable, of kindness ineffable; look down on us in Your tender love and show forth, toward us and those who worship with us, Your rich mercies and compassions.

*SONG

Come Now is the Time to Worship
Chorus

***Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.***

¹ **One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. (Chorus)**

² **Willingly we choose to surrender our lives, willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we gladly choose You now. (Chorus)**

Ending: **Come. Come, just as you are come. Come.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Augustine, 354 – 430]

Pastor: Look upon us, Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of Your brightness.

People: Fill us with holy love and open to us the treasures of Your wisdom.

Pastor: All our desires are known to You, therefore perfect what You have begun – what Your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

People: Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect.

All: We seek Your face; turn Your face to us and show us Your glory.

SONGS

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

[Sing twice.]

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

[Sing twice.]

Chorus: **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You.** [Repeat]

**To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

I Stand in Awe

[Please stand and sing twice.]

**You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.**

**Chorus: And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand, in awe of You.
Holy God to Whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Patches

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Origen, c. 185–254]

Jesus, my feet are dirty. Come even as a slave to me, pour water into Your bowl, come and wash my feet. In asking such a thing I know I am overbold, but I dread what was threatened when You said to me, "If I do not wash your feet, I have no fellowship with you." Wash my feet then because I long for Your companionship.

Unison Confession

[today's texts]

Pastor: We are so easily ensnared by sin.

People: We don't keep our eyes steadily fixed on You.

Pastor: We don't fast very much.

People: We tend to either throw out the old altogether or cling to it until it is nothing but patches.

Pastor: We don't always remember to bring both old and new from storage.

People: Though there is one body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, and baptism, people would not always see that in us.

Pastor: We don't jettison everything that entangles us.

People: We tend at times to saunter on the race, quickly growing weary and losing heart.

Assurance of Pardon

[Ambrose c. 370]

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your hands on the Cross and redeemed us by Your Blood. Forgive me, a sinner, for none of my thoughts and deeds are hid from You. You, Who are full of pity and mercy, spare and forgive me. Pardon I ask, pardon I hope for, pardon I trust to have.

SONG

Lord, I Need You.

**Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart; You're the one Who guides my heart.**

Chorus 1

Lord, I need You, O I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness – O God, how I need You.

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)**

Bridge

**So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.**

Chorus 2

**Lord, I need You. O I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness – O God, how I need You.
You're my one defense my righteousness – O God, how I need You.
My one defense my righteousness – O God, how I need You.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:14-17, 13:51-52; Ephesians 4:4-6; Hebrews 12:1-3

UNISON PRAYER BEFORE THE SERMON

[Jerome, c. 342 – 420]

Lord, You have given us Your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant that we will be able to meditate on that Word and to follow Your teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[from Hebrews 12:1-2]

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

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

For All the Saints

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who You by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**² You were their rock, their refuge, and their might; You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
You in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**³ O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one within Your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁴ And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
Then hearts are brave again and faith grows strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁵ O may Your people, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**⁶ From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

[Æthelwold c. 950; St. Mark, 2nd century]

May God the Father bless us; may Christ take care of us; the Holy Spirit enlighten us all our days.

May our Lord give peace, help, and love to us, His servants, the sheep of His fold, so we may be united in the bond of peace and love, one body and one spirit, in one hope of our calling.

The Lord is our defender and keeper, both now and forever, to the ages of ages.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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