



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, February 14, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Ruth Ann Arnold

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Today's texts]

Pastor: Come away with Jesus. Worship Him for God says, "This is my Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

People: On that mountain, His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as snow.

Pastor: And in the last days, the hair on His head is as white as snow and His eyes like blazing fire.

People: His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Pastor: Come, fall at Jesus' feet, but do not be afraid for He says, "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! I hold the keys of death and Hades. God says, "Listen to Him!"

All: We come to rejoice in Your words. May they have such an effect on us that we are transformed and radiant.

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

**¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**³ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hides Thee, though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, Blessed trinity!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Saint Valentine

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35; Matthew 17:1-8; Revelation 1:12-18, 21:22-24

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Matthew 17:2]

There [Jesus] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as snow.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: You are the God Who speaks – to Moses, to the disciples, even to us, and Who asks us to listen, but we're often too busy.

People: We suspect, in our world of dazzling shows and magic tricks, we might be blasé if Jesus appeared to us now.

Pastor: Like Peter, we, too, often don't understand the significance of what You, God, are doing.

People: We accept You as an example for us, as the cuddly baby Jesus, but we avoid but the real Jesus, the Lord of the Universe.

Pastor: Even when we have been in Your brilliant presence, we resist Your transformation.

People: We are quick to stay in the shadows of darkness, doubt and fear instead of living in You, the Light of the World.

Pastor: We tend to make monuments to You rather than to love You.

All: We can hesitate to follow where You lead us.

Assurance of Pardon

[1 John 1:4-7]

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you: God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

SERMON: Snow ~ Basking in the Radiance of Jesus

SONG

Majesty

[Sing twice]

**Majesty. Worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty. Kingdom authority flows from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus. Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty. Worship His majesty. Jesus Who died, now glorified: King of all kings.**

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[John 3:16]

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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

Give Me Jesus
Roberto Marti, soloist

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus Shine

**¹ Lord, the light of Your love is shining – in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me. [Chorus]**

Chorus

***Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**² Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

**³ As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on us. Shine on us.**

BENEDICTION

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered His disciples to tell no one about what they had seen, for it was not yet His time. But now, it is the day and the time, for Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has died and is raised in glory! How can we keep silent? Will not the heavens proclaim it? Will not the rocks cry out? Shout it to the highest mountain; announce it in the lowest valley: Jesus Christ, the glory of God, the Son of Righteousness, the Lord of Love, is here!

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades...
The glory of God gives [the City] light and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light.
Revelation 21:17-18, 23-24

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