



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, March 14, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Isaiah 42:5-9; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; Hebrews 1:5-12; Revelation 19:16]

Pastor: Come worship God, Who created the heavens, Who spread out the earth and gives life to those who walk on it.

**People: The earth and the heavens will perish... but You remain the same. Your years will never end.**

Pastor: We come to ascribe all worth to Jesus, Whom You made to be a covenant and light for people. You gave Him the name: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**People: You anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit sent Him to open eyes that are blind, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and the oppressed, to heal all who were under the power of the devil, and to preach good news to the poor.**

Pastor: The scepter of Your Kingdom is a scepter of justice. You love righteousness and hated wickedness. God has anointed You with the oil of joy. Sing to the Lord a new song. Give glory to God.

**All: We'll proclaim Your praise from the ends of the earth.**

\*HYMN

*All Hail to God's Anointed*

**<sup>1</sup> All hail to God's Anointed, Christ, David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, Your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression and rule in equity.**

**<sup>2</sup> You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in Your sight.**

**<sup>3</sup> You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in Your path to birth.  
Before You, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

**<sup>4</sup> To You shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
Your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never Your covenant remove.  
Your name shall stand forever; Your changeless Name is Love.**

**<sup>5</sup> O'er every foe victorious, You on Your throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:  
All rulers bow before You and gold and incense bring.  
All nations shall adore You; Your praise all peoples sing.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Nice Smells

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:1-11

CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[Mark 8:27-28]

You will all fall away. We sheep have scattered, but Jesus has risen. Prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by confessing our fears, weaknesses and sinful ways in the knowledge that You have given us the broken bread of Your body and the poured-out wine of Your blood to redeem us. Forgive us when...

*Responsive Confession*

[Today's texts]

Pastor: We aren't willing to take the risk, as the woman did, of interrupting a big event to publicly lavish praise on You.

**People: We tend to give our money but withhold all of ourselves, even our deepest emotions.**

Pastor: We spend considerable time and effort picking out beautiful gifts for our loved ones or even ourselves, but far less on gifts for You Who gave Your life for us.

**People: We have, at some time, disparaged a gift someone gave You as impractical or inefficient.**

Pastor: We, too, have bothered and rebuked those Who are worshipping You.

**People: We have used Your words that we 'will always have the poor with us' as an excuse to deny them care.**

Pastor: We have not preached the gospel around the world.

**All: If we have ever betrayed or schemed against You, Jesus - The Anointed One, the Messiah - in small ways or large, forgive us.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

[Luke 14:8]

She poured perfume on My body beforehand to prepare for My burial.

SONG

*Here I Am to Worship*

**<sup>1</sup> Light of the world You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You; Hope of a life spent with You:**

Chorus

***Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.***

**<sup>2</sup> King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. [Chorus]**

Bridge

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. [Chorus]**

*Take Me into the Holy of Holies*

**Take me into the holy of holies; take me in by the blood of the Lamb.  
Take me into the holy of holies. Take my life, take my heart, here I am.**

*This is the Air I Breathe*

**This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe: Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread: Your very word spoken to me.**

Chorus

***And I, I'm desperate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.***

Ending

**This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.**

SERMON: The Way of the Cross Part 4 ~ Jesus is Anointed

ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Roberto Marti, soloist

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Mark 14:5-6]

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

PRAYERS for the people and pastoral prayer

[Psalm 20:1, 6-7]

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the Name of the God protect you... Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to His anointed. He answers him from His heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of His right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

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

*She Loved her Savior*

[Repeat the last line of each stanza.]

**<sup>1</sup> She loved her Savior and to Him her costliest present brought;  
To crown His head and grace His name, no gift too rare she thought.**

**<sup>2</sup> So let the Savior be adored and not the poor despised;  
Give to the hungry from your hoard but all, give all, to Christ.**

**<sup>3</sup> Go, clothe the naked, lead the blind, give to the weary rest;  
For sorrow's children comfort find and help for all distressed;**

**<sup>4</sup> But give to Christ alone your heart, your faith, your love supreme;  
Then for His sake your gifts impart and so give all to Him.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Now it is God Who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us,  
and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

You have an anointing from the Holy One and all of you know the truth... And this is what He promised us – eternal life.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 1 John 2:24b

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