



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, March 21, 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

[Psalm 2:7-8; Psalm 110:4]

Pastor: Come and worship God! Walk with Jesus in Gethsemane. Who is this Jesus we have come to worship?

People: You are the Lord of the universe Who came into the world to seek and to save the lost.

Pastor: The nations are Your inheritance. The Lord's Anointed is the Ruler over all.

People: You are the Son of God Who sits at God's right hand.

Pastor: Yet You emptied Yourself, giving up Your place of glory.

People: Lord, we are here because we know we do indeed need a savior.

Pastor: In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Your friends slept and Your enemies schemed, You brought Your terrible agony to our Father, so that You would not fail in carrying out His will, though it meant Your horrible death.

People: You, the sinless one, took our sins upon Yourself so that we might be able to be with God.

Pastor: We want to recognize anew Your suffering and see Your love. We have come to put our trust in You.

People: We want to be gathered close and walk with you in Gethsemane.

All: Though we live forever, we will never be able to thank You enough for Your wondrous love for us.

*HYMN

My Savior's Love

**¹ I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

Refrain:

***O how marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!***

**² For me it was in the garden He prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs but sweat drops of blood for mine. [Refrain]**

**³ He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone. [Refrain]**

**⁴ When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. [Refrain]**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: When Jesus was very sad.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:32-42

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Psalm 143:10]

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. Come now in confession of the sins for which our Savior gave His Life.

Responsive Confession

[Today's text]

Pastor: You came to Your Father, Your Abba, Your daddy, in the time of trouble.

People: We often come to You last.

Pastor: When you were betrayed, anguished and overwhelmed, You prayed all the more earnestly.

People: We tend to stand stock-still or plow on through.

Pastor: You never acted independently of the Father, praying in the garden this hardest prayer: "not my will but Yours".

People: We pride ourselves on our independence.

Pastor: Though obedience involved unspeakable anguish and agony, you still followed the Father's will.

People: We can forget even to ask You what You would like us to do.

Pastor: Your friends saw Your humanity – You were "deeply distressed".

People: Some of us are inclined to keep that to ourselves.

Pastor: Even You, Who are God, were utterly humble in the garden.

People: We rarely fall at Your feet.

Pastor: You were confident in Your Father – "all things are possible".

People: We can sink into futile thoughts.

Pastor: We have had family or friends who asked us for help.

People: We, too, tend to fall sleep.

Pastor: Despite Your disappointment in Your friends, You were compassionate and prepared them for what was to come.

People: We forget to pray that we don't fall into temptation.

The Assurance of Pardon

[Isaiah 53:5]

The gospels give us the account of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ that reassures us that He laid down His life for His sheep. Receive in faith that He was "pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."

SONG

Lord, I Need You

**¹ Lord, I come. I confess. Bowing here I find my rest.
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.***

**² 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 1]**

Bridge

**So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
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.**

SERMON: The Way of the Cross Part 5 ~ The Garden

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Mark 14:34b]

[Jesus] said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

**Go to dark Gethsemane, You who feel the tempter's pow'r.
Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

PRAYERS for the people and pastoral prayer

ANTHEM

In the Garden

Roberto Marti, soloist

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

I Then Shall Live

**I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another. The law of love I gladly will obey.**

**I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.**

**Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor and may You feed a hungry world through me.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Mark 14:38

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