



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, March 7, 2021

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Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God, in Your great power You summoned the worlds into being by Your Word. In the midst of disease, wars, disasters and injustice, You have summoned us whom You have elected into Your very presence.

**People: We come to hear the gospel, the Good News, the Best News, which is for all peoples.**

Pastor: You, sent Your only Son Jesus, our Messiah – Deliverer, Whose authority rests on the foundation of His signs and wonders, the blood of the cross, and resurrection from the dead.

**People: You are coming back with great power and glory to gather us from the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away, but Your words will never pass away.

**People: We come to hear and learn the lessons You have for us.**

Pastor: We have come to watch and pray, to depend on the Holy Spirit You have given rather than worrying.

**All: Glory, Lord Jesus, glory to Your Holy Name! We long for Your return and want to be found ready.**

\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

**<sup>1</sup> The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.  
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.**

**<sup>2</sup> Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.**

**<sup>3</sup> 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: What do you remember about our church?

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:1-37; John 2:18-22; Revelation 21:22

CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[1 Peter 2:4-7]

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Responsive Confession*

[Today's texts]

Pastor: Our eyes see signs, but we do not comprehend them.

**People: We don't always learn the lessons You are teaching us from Your eternal Words.**

Pastor: One result is that we are more easily deceived by others than we think.

**People: We are not watchful, alert and on our guard.**

Pastor: Our prayers can be woefully irregular and short.

**People: We are often alarmed and worried, especially if we have to speak in front of others – to witness about You.**

Pastor: We don't see that it is essential to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

**People: We have not learned to depend wholly on Your Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: We spend a lot of time trying to predict things these days, rather than actually doing the work of being ready.

*Assurance of Pardon*

[1 Peter 2:9-10]

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. You are God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SONG

*Jesus Name above All Names*

**Jesus, Name above all names. Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel God is with us. Blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

*Praise the Name of Jesus*

**Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus.  
He's my Rock. He's my Fortress. He's my Deliverer. In Him will I trust. Praise the Name of Jesus.**

*There's Something about That Name*

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. There's just something about that Name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like a fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away but there's something about that Name.**

SERMON: The Way of the Cross Part 3 ~ Demo Day

ANTHEM

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Roberto Marti, soloist

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Mark 13:10]

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

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.**

\*HYMN

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

**<sup>1</sup> We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right –  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.**

Refrain:

***For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth, the Kingdom of love and light.***

**<sup>2</sup> We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup> We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns above  
has sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love and show us that God is love. [Refrain]**

**<sup>4</sup> We've a Savior to show to the nations, Who the path of sorrow has trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God, may come to the truth of God! [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

## NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

### POSTLUDE

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. Mark 13:31  
After [Jesus] was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said.  
Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. John 2:22  
And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Mark 13:10

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