



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, April 11, 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: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day.	People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Pastor: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,	People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Pastor: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,	People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Pastor: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,	People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Pastor: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,	People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Pastor: With power from above to make our weakness strong,	All: Come, Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

**¹ Creator Spirit, by Whose aid the world's foundations first were laid,
Come visit ev'ry humble mind; come pour Your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free. May we Your living temples be.**

**² O source of Light, our Counselor, the Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with Your fire and hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring to sanctify us as we sing.**

**³ Giver of grace descend from high in answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive and practice all that we believe.
Give us Your wisdom that we see the glory of the Trinity.**

**⁴ Immortal honor, endless fame, attend the gracious Father's Name.
The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died.
And equal adoration rise for You, O Spirit, to the skies.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Art

THE BAPTISM of Elizabeth Josephine Moyer, daughter of Eric and Sara Moyer and sister of Mikayla

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Romans 8:13b-14]

If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Let us come, confessing our misdeeds.

Unison Confession

**Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.
When Your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do.
When Your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word.
When the wind of Your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

The Assurance of Pardon

[Romans 8:14-16]

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption. And by the Spirit we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 31:1-5, 35:34-35; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

SONG

Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within. May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace;
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth. Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.**

SERMON: *Echoes of the Holy Spirit: Skills and Gifts*

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Proverbs 3:9-10a]

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first and best of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing.

PRAYERS for the people and pastoral prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER in SONG

John Moyer, soloist

*HYMN

Dwell in Me

**¹ Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit! How I need Your help divine!
In the way of life eternal, keep, O keep this heart of mine.**

Refrain

***Dwell in me, O dwell in me; Hear and grant my prayer to Thee;
Spirit, now from Heav'n descending, Come, O come and dwell in me.***

**² Round the cross where You have led me, let my purest feelings twine;
With the blood from sin that cleansed me, seal anew this heart of mine. [Refrain]**

**³ Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, gracious Teacher, Friend divine!
For the Kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart of mine. [Refrain]**

**⁴ Grant to me Your sacred presence then my faith will ne'er decline.
Comfort me and help me onward; fill with love this heart of mine. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You have given Yourself to us, Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Pastor: You have sent Your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people.

People: As Your people, we will serve you and proclaim Your Good News with joy.

Pastor: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify You in all things.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day. Genesis 1:1-5

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