



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, April 18, 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: Come, worship Jesus Who testified to His word and deeds by signs, wonders and various miracles and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

People: You are our God, our grace and faith giver.

Pastor: You provide for us and live among us and hear us.

People: There is no limit to Your power; Your arm is never too short.

Pastor: We are Your family, members who each belong to all the others.

People: We consecrate ourselves now. You have given us the power of Your Holy Spirit, Who rests on us.

Pastor: Sing and give thanks for the Holy Spirit Who has given us gifts for God's glory.

*HYMN

If Christ had not been Raised from Death

**¹ If Christ had not been raised from death, our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed. He rules in earth and heaven.
His gospel meets a world of need — in Christ we are forgiven.**

**² If Christ still lay within the tomb, then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom with neither Guide nor Friend.
But now the Savior is raised up, so when a Christian dies,
we mourn, yet look to God in hope — in Christ the saints arise!**

**³ If Christ had not been truly raised, His Church would live a lie.
His Name should nevermore be praised. His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives. Through Him we are restored.
His Word endures. His Church revives in Christ, our risen Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Follow the Leader

ANTHEM

Christ Arose

Duet: Roberto Marti and John Moyer

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Consecrate yourselves. Come now and set yourself apart for God.

Responsive Confession

Pastor: We live our lives as if You haven't given us the power of Your Holy Spirit.

People: Like Moses we have doubted Your strength.

Pastor: We don't always share the message You have given to us.

People: We have wailed and rejected You, even when You have been present with us.

Pastor: It is common for us to not think rightly of ourselves – maybe more, maybe less than the way You see us.

People: We have doubts – forgetting that You give each of us faith.

Pastor: You have given each of us gifts, too.

People: Sometimes we don't know what they are. Sometimes we don't use them for Your glory.

Pastor: Sometimes we are afraid or too lazy to use them. Sometimes we wish we had other ones.

People: We don't share the burdens of our leaders.

Assurance of Pardon

[Isaiah 61:1]

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 11:16-30; Romans 12:3-8

SONG

Breathe on Me, Breathe of God

**¹ Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way You love and do what You would do.**

**² Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with Yours to do and to endure.**

**³ Breathe on me, breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me glows with Your holy fire.**

**⁴ Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with You the perfect life for all eternity.**

SERMON: *Echoes of the Holy Spirit* ~ Leading and Helping

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

Our God is a giver – His Son, His Holy Spirit, grace, faith, the gifts and so much more. How can we be other than to be givers, too.

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**¹ Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. [No chorus]**

**² 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. [Chorus]**

Chorus

***My chains are gone. I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains – unending love, amazing grace.***

**³ The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. [Chorus twice]**

**⁴ The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.
But God Who called me here below will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

BENEDICTION

[Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 13:13]

Pastor: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

People: We'll put on Your full armor so we can take our stand against the devil's schemes.

Pastor: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on God's full armor, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

People: We'll stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around our waists, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Pastor: In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

All: And we'll pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, we'll be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5

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