



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, May 2, 2021

Pastor: Bruce Farrell; Guest Preacher; Rev. Rick Luciotti  
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 (Ringing of the Bell)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from today's texts and 1 John 4:7-21]

Pastor: Come now to remember and turn to the Lord God.

**People: Dominion belongs to You, God; we bow down before You now.**

Pastor: You love us so much that You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus, into the world that we might live through Him. You have also given us Your Spirit.

**People: We come to proclaim Your righteousness, to declare to all: You have done it!**

Pastor: You, Jesus, are the true vine; Your Father is the gardener. We are Your branches and bear fruit in You.

**People: You speak Your Word and we are clean!**

**All: We rely on the love You have for us. We rejoice that You are God.**

\*HYMN

*Come, All who Fear the Lord God*

*Tune: All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**<sup>1</sup> Come, all who fear the Lord God; O saints, your voices raise.  
We'll stand in awe before You and sing Your glorious praise.  
The lowly and afflicted who on Your Word rely –  
Your heart shall live forever; the Lord will satisfy.**

**<sup>2</sup> All peoples of the nations to Christ the Lord shall turn.  
Through earth's remotest regions, Your altar fires shall burn.  
All kingdoms, power, and glory belong to You alone.  
You rule o'er all the nations. Kings bow before Your throne.**

**<sup>3</sup> Both high and low shall worship, both strong and weak shall bend.  
A faithful church shall serve You 'til generations end.  
Your praise shall be recounted to nations yet to be.  
The triumphs of Your justice a newborn world shall see.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[John 15:4]

Jesus said, "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you." Come now to repent of the times we have not dwelled with Jesus.

*Responsive Confession*

[Today's texts and 1 John 4:10]

Pastor: We forget You, Jesus; forget to turn to You, to rejoice in You.

**People: People can't see Your fruit in our lives – can't see that we are Your disciples, so You are not glorified.**

Pastor: We branches think we can bear fruit while unattached to our Vine.

**People: We run from Your pruning despite knowing its ultimate goodness.**

Pastor: We don't remain in You, abide with You.

**People: Indeed, we think we can do things apart from You.**

Pastor: Even when we dwell with You, we have little confidence in Your promise that You will grant our requests.

**People: We don't travel about, preaching the gospel, proclaiming Your righteousness: You have done it!  
You have atoned for our sins!**

*Assurance of Pardon*

[John 15:3]

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-8; Psalm 22:28-31; Acts 8:36-49

SONG:

*Lord, Be Glorified*

**<sup>1</sup> In my life, Lord, be glorified be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**<sup>2</sup> In our song, Lord, be glorified be glorified. In our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**<sup>3</sup> In Your church, Lord, be glorified be glorified. In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

SERMON: When All Else Fails, Read the Instructions

ANTHEM

Piano solo: Tara Zimmerman

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[John 15:5]

[Jesus said,] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

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

*Trust and Obey*

**<sup>1</sup> When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain: *Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

**<sup>2</sup> Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He will richly repay;  
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup> But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]**

**<sup>4</sup> Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go - never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

*If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.  
This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.*

[John 15:7-8]