



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, May 9, 2021

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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]

Pastor: Come away now to worship our God of unfailing love and great compassion.

People: Jesus, our Savior, You saved us, not because of our good deeds, but because of Your kindness, love and mercy.

Pastor: You saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

People: You teach us wisdom. We are heirs, having the hope of eternal life!

Pastor: Your Holy Spirit, Whom You poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, is present with us.

All: Our tongues will sing of Your righteousness, of the joy of our salvation. Our lips will declare Your praise.

*HYMN

Descend, O Holy Spirit

TUNE: AURELIA *The Church's One Foundation*

**¹Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend on us we pray and bless us with Your presence renewed in us today.
A fervent intercessor before the Father's throne, Your gentle supplications make our petitions known.**

**²Descend, O Holy Spirit, let healing water flow to comfort those in mourning, a solace to the soul.
A fountain in the desert - the water of Your Word, anointed with Your power, the sweetest message heard.**

**³Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend in tongues of fire. Filling us with power, Your will is our desire.
O make our hearts an altar consumed by holy flame to draw the soul held captive to faith in Jesus' name.**

**⁴Descend, O Holy Spirit as rushing, mighty wind. We stand in adoration, O Spirit now descend.
Cleanse us by Your power, our weakened faith renew. Commission us for service to lead the lost to You.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jesus Celebrate Mother's Day

ANTHEM

A Christian Home

Solo/leader: John Moyer

TUNE: FINLANDIA *Be Still My Soul*

**¹ O give us homes built firm upon the Savior, where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide,
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor, and gives his heart to Christ the Crucified.
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver, His faithful Lord is walking by his side.**

**² O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers, who always place their hope and trust in Him,
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers, Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim.
A home where each finds joy in serving others and love still shines tho' days be dark and grim.**

**³ O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master, the Bible read, the precious hymns still sung,
Where pray'r comes first in peace or in disaster and praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue,
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster and Christ sufficient is for old and young.**

**⁴ O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever. We trust to Thee their problems toil and care.
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever if Thou art always Lord and Master there.
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor; be Thou our guest our hearts and homes to share**

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Psalm 51:1-2, 7b]

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions... For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me... Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: Though You have taught us, we don't truly believe in guilt and sin and evil and iniquity and transgressions.

People: We don't take with great seriousness how these cast us away from You and Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: We grow inured to sin and complacent in our posterity.

People: We avoid Your wishes and end up in positions which lead to sin.

Pastor: We perform ritual pantomimes of sacrifice and offerings, withholding our inmost beings.

People: We think and act as if we can rely on our good works to save us.

Pastor: We don't have the faith to believe that, in Your lovingkindness, You can and will forgive, even the guilt of bloodshed.

People: We don't believe You, the Creator, can actually create a pure heart and a steadfast spirit in us.

Pastor: We are crushed, but still run from You and Your mercy though it will restore the joy of our salvation.

All: Though You have poured out Your kindness and love through the Holy Spirit's washing, we don't share that so others can enjoy Your presence.

SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

A prayerful, desperate plea from David for his life. Sing it to Jesus: three times.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of Pardon

[Titus 3:4-6]

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51; Titus 3:4-7

SERMON: Echoes of the Holy Spirit #4 Cleanliness and Joy

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Titus 3:6-7]

[God] poured [the Holy Spirit] out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

TUNE: *Take My Life and Let it Be*

¹ **Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.**

Voice of God and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

² **Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.**

Kindle ev'ry high desire, purify me with your fire. Purify me with Your fire.

³ **Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.**

Boldly may I always live, bravely serve and gladly give. Bravely serve and gladly give.

⁴ **Holy Spirit, Law divine, reign within this soul of mine.**

Be my law and I shall be firmly bound, forever free; firmly bound, forever free.

⁵ **Holy Spirit, Peace divine, still this restless heart of mine.**

Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility. Grant me your tranquility.

⁶ **Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine.**

In the desert ways I sing, spring, O living Water, spring! spring, O living Water, spring!

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself unblemished to God,
cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
[Hebrews 9:14]

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