



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, June 13, 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, let the message of Christ dwell among you richly.

People: We are much more valuable to Him than the birds and flowers for Whom God cares.

Pastor: Come and rest; our heavenly Father knows what we need.

People: God gives wisdom, understanding, and joy to those who are pleasing to Him.

Pastor: Such enjoyment is a gift from God.

All: We come learn more of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer through psalms, hymns, and songs, singing to God with gratitude in our hearts.

*HYMN

Glorious Things of You are Spoken

**¹ Glorious things of You are spoken, Zion, city of our God:
You Whose Word cannot be broken formed us for Your own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake our sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, we may smile at all our foes.**

**² See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply Your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage -
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age?**

**³ Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, Whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
It's Your love Your people raises over self to reign as kings.
And as priests, Your solemn praises each a thank offering brings.**

**⁴ Savior, since of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the worldly pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: O that tastes good!

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[from 1 John 2:16-17]

For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. Come in this assurance confessing our sins.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts and 1 Timothy 6:17]

Pastor: Forgive us when the use of the intelligence You have given to us makes us haughty rather than humble.

People: Forgive us when we set our hopes on riches, which are so uncertain.

Pastor: Forgive us when we forget that our good times and joy are a gift from You.

People: Forgive us when we can't rest in our knowledge that You know what our needs are and will provide for us.

Pastor: Forgive us when we are anxious, fretful and worried about our lives.

People: Forgive us for being “little faiths”.

Pastor: Forgive us when we don't have Your view – knowing and working for just what is inconsequential and as fleeting as a vapor.

Assurance of Pardon

[from Titus 3:3-7]

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 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... through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom he poured 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.

ANTHEM

Some Glad Morning

Duet: Lydia Blatt and Tracy Troup

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26; Matthew 6:25-34; Colossians 3:16-17

SONG

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.**

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SERMON: *Deep Questions for Tough Times: Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes #2 Trying to Figure it All Out*

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[from Matthew 6:31-33]

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

SONG

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Repeat. Descant for the second time: Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Forth in Your Name I Go

**¹ Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue.
You only, Lord, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**² The task Your wisdom has assigned, here let me cheerfully fulfill.
In all my work Your presence find and prove Your good and perfect will.**

**³ You would I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost secrets view,
and labor on at Your command and offer all my work to You.**

**⁴ Help me to bear Your easy yoke; in ev'ry moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look and hasten to that glorious day.**

**⁵ Then with delight may I employ all that Your bounteous grace has given,
and run my earthly course with joy and closely walk with You in heaven.**

BENEDICTION

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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