



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, June 20, 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)

ANTHEM

If I Knew of a Land

Solo and leader: John Moyer

¹**If I knew of a land where no sorrow ever came, where the weather was just right and there were no sick nor lame;
Where there'd be no goodbyes and the people lived for aye, I would sell all I have and move today.**

Chorus:

***Well, I know of a land where joys are waiting, where the people live forever and for aye;
Twill be one eternal day, without a sorrow and some morning when He calls, I'll move away.***

²**If I knew of a land where no dark clouds ever came, where the sky was always bright and there'd be no storm nor rain;
Where our loved ones were true and would not a trust betray, I would sell all I have and move today. *Chorus***

³**If I knew of a land where my dreams would all come true, where the things of life were free and there'd be no work to do;
Where no war e'er could come and we'd live in peace for aye, I would sell all I have and move today. *Chorus***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

[from Ecclesiastes 3 and as noted]

Pastor: There is an appropriate time for everything. Come, now is the time to worship.

People: God has made everything. Everything He does is part of His eternal plan and that plan is perfect.

Pastor: Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [James 1:17]

People: In each of our hearts, God has placed eternity - a sense that a greater, overall plan for all things exists.

Pastor: For what can be known about God is plain ... because God has shown it to us. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. [Romans 1:19-20]

People: God has designed each activity for an appropriate season.

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem us so that we might receive adoption. [Galatians 4:4-5]

People: We come to receive God's gift to us - enjoyment of our life and work.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, I say, rejoice! ...Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [Philippians 4:4 and 9]

All: To God be all glory!

*HYMN

O Worship the King

¹ **O worship the King all glorious above. O gratefully sing God's power and love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

² **O tell of God's might and wonderful grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.
Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form and straight is Your path on the wings of the storm.**

³ **Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

⁴ **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Seasons

SONG

In His Time

¹ In His time, in His time, God makes all things beautiful in His time.

Lord, please show me ev'ry day, as You're teaching me Your way, that You do just what You say in Your time.

² In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful in Your time.

Lord, my life to You I bring. May each song I have to sing be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[from Ecclesiastes 3:16-17]

Where there should be justice, there is injustice; where righteousness, wickedness... God will judge both the righteous and the wicked. Every activity, every deed, will be evaluated at an appointed time. We come to confess our deeds of injustice and unrighteousness in the assurance that God has sent His Son to redeem and adopt us.

Responsive Confession

[Today's text]

Pastor: You set an appropriate time and greater plan for everything under the sun, but we don't seek Your counsel.

People: Though You have set eternity in our hearts, we can miss the evidence of Yourself that You show us in all Your creation.

Pastor: We consistently try to add or take away from Your perfect plan.

People: We don't respect You and submit to Your authority.

Pastor: We come from and will return to dust, but we spend an inordinate amount of time collecting things we cannot take with us.

People: It's Your best when we are happy and doing what we enjoy in our lives – a gift from You, but we often don't.

All: We have been a part of injustice, wickedness and unrighteousness – not staying with Your plan.

Assurance of Pardon

[Galatians 4:4-5]

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption.

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3

SERMON: *Deep Questions for Tough Times: Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes #3 Turn, turn, turn.*

*SONG

I Stand in Awe of You

[Sing twice]

**You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description: majesty enthroned above!**

Chorus:

**And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You.
Holy God to Whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.**

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[from Mark 1:15]

"The time has come," [Jesus] said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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

Be Thou My Vision

**You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord.
You're my best thought by day or by night: waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light.
You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with You and You with me, Lord.
You're my great Father and I Your true child; once far away, but by Love reconciled.**

**You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity; You're my delight.
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower. Come raise me heavenward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**I need no riches or vain empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always.
You and You only, first in my heart. High king of Heaven, my treasure You are.**

**High king of Heaven, when victory's won, may I reach Heaven's joy, O bright Heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

BENEDICTION

[Philippians 4:4-9]

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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