



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, June 6, 2021

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ring of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Ecclesiastes, 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3; John 11:25-26]

Pastor: This pandemic has reminded us how fleeting life can be, how insignificant, painful and futile our lives seem.

People: We come today to learn what the ancient words of a teacher tell us.

Pastor: Come adore the Creator, Who has set the earth, sun, streams and wind in their eternal, steadfast place.

People: We come to Jesus, the "Wisdom of God" in Whom is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Pastor: Come worship our God, who teaches us that the finality of death is no more.

People: We give glory to You, Jesus, God's Son, Who has conquered death.

All: You are the Resurrection and the Life and You promise that those who live and believe in You will never die!

*HYMN

Give to our God Immortal Praise

**¹Give to our God, immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all Your ways.
Wonders of grace to You belong; we'll tell Your mercies in our song.**

**²You built the earth, You spread the sky and fixed the starry lights on high.
Wonders of grace to You belong; we'll count Your mercies in our song.**

**³You give the sun its morning light. You bid the moon direct the night.
Your mercies ever shall endure when suns and moons shall shine no more.**

**⁴You sent Your Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to You belong; we'll tell Your mercies in our song.**

**⁵Through this tired world Christ guides our feet and leads us to Your heavenly seat.
Your mercies ever shall endure when this tired world shall be no more.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Under the Sun

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[from 1 John 2:1-2]

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for sins of the whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: We spend a lot of effort trying to find the latest and newest things on earth.

People: We put our hope in bigger or better houses or other material things.

Pastor: We sometimes store our savings without asking if You'd like us to give them away.

People: We don't think about what will be demanded of us.

Pastor: We try to find fulfillment in knowledge, wealth, pleasure, work, fame, and sex.

All: Jesus says we should come to Him to have life and we often just forget and sometimes even run away.

Assurance of Pardon

[1 Corinthians 15:16, 20]

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11: Luke 12:16-20

SONG

Lord, I Need You

**Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart; You're the one Who guides my heart.**

*Chorus Lord, I need You, O I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness – O God, how I need You.*

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)**

Bridge

**So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.**

*Chorus Lord, I need You. O I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense my righteousness – O God, how I need You.
You're my one defense my righteousness – O God, how I need You.
My one defense my righteousness – O God, how I need You.*

SERMON: *Deep Questions for Tough Times: Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes #1 What's It All About?*

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Matthew 6:19-20]

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

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

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone – Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

BENEDICTION

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:57-58

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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