



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship and Summer Communion
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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

[Today's texts and Revelation 19:9]

Pastor: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation, Jesus Christ. Here I am!
I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person,
and they with Me.

People: Lord, You are our God. We exalt You and praise Your Name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Pastor: The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

People: You are a refuge for the poor, for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and shade from the heat.

Pastor: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces. You have swallowed up death forever.

People: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb prepared by the Lord Almighty – a feast, a banquet, of rich food for all peoples.

Pastor: We honor You. You Have spoken. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says.

All: Surely this is our God. We trust in You and You save us. You are the Lord. We trust in You; let us rejoice and be glad in Your salvation.

HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

**¹ You servants of God, your Master proclaim and publish abroad His wonderful name.
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol. His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**² God rules in the heights, almighty to save. Though hid from our sight, His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**³ "Salvation to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**⁴ Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.**

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Zach gets an invitation

Song

Zaccheus was a Wee Little Man

Zaccheus was a wee, little man – a wee, little man was he.

He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see (for the Lord he wanted to see).

And as the Savior came that way, He looked up in the tree,

Spoken: And He said, "Zaccheus, you come down."

For I'm going to your house today. For I'm going to your house today.

OFFERING

[Luke 19:8]

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

THE SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:1, 3b, 4a, 6, 8-9; Luke 19:1-10; Revelation 3:14, 15a,17b through 20

SERMON: Table Manners Part 1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*THE INVITATION

PASTORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

[1 Corinthians 11: 27-29; Revelation 3:19]

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ, eat and drink judgment on themselves. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION

[from today's texts]

Pastor: We do not always exalt You and praise Your name. We forget to rejoice and be glad in Your salvation.

People: You are deserving of all honor, trust and reverence; we neglect to give You these.

Pastor: You came to seek and to save all the lost. Our deeds are lukewarm.

People: You ask us to be Your Body here, but we do not provide a refuge for the poor and needy.

Pastor: We want to see You, but don't go out of our way very often. We don't welcome You gladly.

People: We don't keep our eyes on the prize, training well to be victorious.

Pastor: We, too, can mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

People: You really do speak to us, but we don't respond at once, opening our door, hearing what the Spirit says.

Pastor: We don't give a tithe, let alone half of our possessions.

All: We can think better of ourselves than warranted.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Revelation 3:20-21]

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with Me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with My Father on His throne.

HYMN

There is a Fountain

John Moyer, song leader

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**²The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day, and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away; and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.**

**³Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power till all the ransomed Church of God
be saved, to sin no more: be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.**

**⁴E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**⁵When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave, then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing thy power to save: I'll sing thy power to save,
I'll sing thy power to save; then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save.**

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

[Heidelberg Catechism Questions 65, 66, 76]

People: From where does the faith alone that we share in Christ and all His benefits come?

Pastor: The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts¹ by the preaching of the holy gospel,² and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.³

¹John 3:5; ²1 Cor. 2:10-14; Eph. 2:8 ·Rom. 10:17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25 ·Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 10:16

People: What are sacraments?

Pastor: Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals instituted by God. By our use of them, God might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel and also seal His promise to us:¹ to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.²

Gen. 17:11; Deut. 30:6; Rom. 4:11 · Matt. 26:27-28; Acts 2:38; Heb. 10:10

People: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink His poured-out blood?

Pastor: It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and thereby to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.¹ But it means more.

Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body.²

And so, although He is in heaven³ and we are on earth, we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone.⁴

And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.⁵

John 6:35, 40, 50-54 · John 6:55-56; 1 Cor. 12:13 · Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 11:26; Col. 3:1 · 1 Cor. 6:15-17; Eph. 5:29-30; 1 John 4:13 · John 6:56-58; 15:1-6; Eph. 4:15-16; 1 John 3:24

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*SERAPHIC HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

COMMUNION

Sharing of the Bread

Behold the Lamb

¹ Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

² The body of our Savior Jesus Christ torn for you – eat and remember.

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

Sharing of the Wine

Behold the Lamb

³ The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you – drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

⁴ And so with thankfulness and faith we rise – to respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King, around the table the King.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[from Revelation]

Pastor: We are so thankful, Jesus, that, because You were slain and with Your blood, You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to serve God.

People: You are making everything new. You, the Lamb, are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Pastor: Thank You that You have fed us this holy meal, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom.

All: Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

A Parting Hymn We Sing

¹ A parting hymn we sing around Your table, Lord. Again, our grateful tribute bring; our solemn vows record.

² Here have we seen Your face and felt Your presence here. So may the savor of Your grace in word and life appear.

³ We're purchased by Your blood, by sin no longer led. The path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.

⁴ In self forgetting love be our communion shown, until we join the Church above and know as we are known.

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!
Revelation 19:6

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