



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, August 15, 2021

Pastor: Bruce Farrell; Rev. Rick Luciotti preaching  
Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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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 Lamentations 3:22-23, 25-26 and Psalm 30:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:10]

Pastor: You are good, Lord, to those who hope in You, to those who seek You.

**People: It is good to wait quietly for the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: We will exalt You for You lifted us out of the depths.

**People: Our God, we called to You for help. You brought us up from the dead and You healed us.**

Pastor: Because of Your great love, we are not consumed.

**People: Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning.**

Pastor: You, God's faithful people, sing the praises of the Lord; praise His holy name.

**All: Great is Your faithfulness.**

\*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**<sup>1</sup> Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changes not. Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed, Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**<sup>2</sup> Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup> Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[from Psalm 130:1-4]

Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If You, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You. In this assurance, we come in confession.

*Responsive Confession*

[Today's texts; Psalm 30 and 130; Matthew 10:8]

Pastor: Our hope is usually in You, Jesus, but we don't earnestly seek You.

**People: Out of the depths we cry to You, but we're not quick to wait quietly alone for Your salvation.**

Pastor: It seems we can show our overwhelming joy and complete astonishment about almost anything,

**People: but for You we barely smile, we give tepid applause, and almost never shout.**

Pastor: We don't always excel in faith, speech, knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in love.

**People: We don't urgently plead for the privilege of sharing with Your people.**

Pastor: We are not rich in generosity, giving as much as we are able and then even more.

**All: You have called us to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, and drive out demons. Freely we have received, but we don't consistently freely give.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

No one is cast off by the Lord forever. His anger lasts only a moment; His favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. You turned our wailing into dancing. You cloth us with joy, so our hearts sing Your praises. Lord our God, we will praise You forever.

HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.**
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**
- 4 If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word,  
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.**
- 5 Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your Word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of You, Lord.**

SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3: 22-33; 2 Corinthians: 8: 1-9, 13-14; Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43

SERMON: Save the Life of my Child

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[2 Corinthians 8:2-4]

In the midst of a very severe trial, [the Macedonians'] overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity... they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

[Matthew 18:20]

SONG

*Cares Chorus*

**I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.**

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

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

- 1 Lord W, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.  
Who upon the cross forsaken worked Your mercy's perfect deed.  
We your servants bring the worship, not of voice alone but heart  
Consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift which You impart.**
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread.  
Still the captives long for freedom. Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As You, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Your spirit send Your power to our world to make it whole.**
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight.  
Making known the deeds and burdens Your compassion bids us bear  
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.**
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear Name we go.  
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show.  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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