



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, August 22, 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

Pastor: Come, stand in awe of God! Acknowledge, revere, worship the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

**People: We come to Honor the One who created us.** [Ecclesiastes 12:1]

Pastor: O, the depth of Your riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable are Your judgments. [Romans 11:33]

**People: You, God, are a sun and shield. You bestow favor and honor and withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly.** [Psalm 84:11]

Pastor: You love those who love You. Those who seek You diligently find You. [Proverbs 8:17]

**People: You are responsible for everything that happens.**

Pastor: You supply all our needs and increase the harvest of our righteousness. You enrich us to be generous in every way, which produces the thanksgiving we bring to You. [2 Corinthians 9:10-11]

**People: Though this life fleeting, You gave us eternal life in Your Son. Whoever has the Son has life.**

Pastor: We who believe in the name of the Son of God know we have eternal life. [1 John 5:11-13]

**People: When Jesus the chief Shepherd appears, we will receive the unfading crown of glory.** [1 Peter 5:4]

**All: So we rejoice in You always!** [Philippians 4:4]

## \*OPENING PASTORAL PRAYER

## \*HYMN

*All People that on Earth do Dwell*

**<sup>1</sup> All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve Him with joy. His praises tell. Come now before Him and rejoice.**

**<sup>2</sup> Know that the Lord is God indeed. He formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock He comes to feed, the sheep who by His hand were made.**

**<sup>3</sup> O enter then His gates with joy, within His courts His praise proclaim.  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ. O bless and magnify God's Name!**

**<sup>4</sup> Because the Lord our God is good – His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Don't Forget God!

## CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

[Ecclesiastes 12:10-11]

The teachings of the wise are like goads – prods ... these goads are wielded by the divine Shepherd. Come in confession as Jesus, our Great Shepherd, prods us to turn in the right direction.

*Responsive Confession*

[Today's text]

Pastor: How do you enjoy life: remember your Creator. We, however, are a very forgetful people.

**People: We forget that as our Creator, You have given us all we have.**

Pastor: We forget to honor You: to love, acknowledge, revere, and worship You – to be and do things with You.

**People: You said we should remember that You are with us always, to the end of the earth. We can ignore You.**

Pastor: You cautioned us to remember You in good times; it's so easy to neglect You then.

**People: Counting our blessings helps us remember, but we forget that, too, and don't see what to rejoice in.**

Pastor: We forget to beware of teachings that aren't Yours and to keep those which are.

**People: You want us to enjoy *all* our days; we spend much time looking forward what's next.**

Pastor: We forget that life is fleeting and are unwise and wasteful with investments of our time and money.

**All: We forget to be grateful to You that death is not the end, that in Your grace, You provided salvation and eternal life for us through Jesus Christ.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

[1Peter 2:24-25]

Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

HYMN

*In Christ Alone*  
*Roberto's favorite hymn*

**<sup>1</sup> 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.**

**<sup>2</sup> 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.**

**<sup>3</sup> 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.**

**<sup>4</sup> 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.**

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 11 and 12

SERMON: Deep Questions for Tough Times #7 Final Thoughts

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Ecclesiastes 12:1]

Honor the One who created you while you are still young.

ANTHEM

*Thrive*  
Voices of Zion

PRAYERS

For Roberto Marti  
of 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

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**<sup>1</sup> Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us. For our use Your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, Yours we are. [Repeat this line.]**

**<sup>2</sup> We are Yours, in love befriend us, be the Guardian of our way.  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray. [Repeat this line.]**

**<sup>3</sup> You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You. [Repeat this line.]**

**<sup>4</sup> Always let us seek Your favor. Let us always do Your will.  
Jesus Christ, our only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. [Repeat this line.]**

BENEDICTION

[Ecclesiastes 12:13, 1 John 5:3; John 5:22, 24]

After considering everything, the conclusion is this: obey God and do what He wants you to do... This is love for God: to keep His commands. Very truly I [Jesus] tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

BENEDICTION IN SONG

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Voices of Zion

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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