



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: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

[Psalm 8:1]

People: You are resplendent with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.

[Psalm 76:4]

Pastor: Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power.

[Exodus 15:6]

People: Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like You – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

[Exodus 15:11]

Pastor: Glorious and majestic are Your deeds and Your righteousness endures forever.

[Psalm 111:3]

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is majestic.

[Psalm 29:4]

Pastor: We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

[2 Peter 1:16 -17]

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!

[Psalm 8:9]

*OPENING PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King

**¹ All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam and shining moon with silver gleam, [Refrain]**

Refrain: O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**² O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice; you lights of evening find a voice: [Refrain]**

**³ Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear: alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light, [Refrain]**

**⁴ Earth ever fertile, day by day, bring forth your blessings on our way; alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them God's glory also show. [Refrain]**

**⁵ All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care: [Refrain]**

**⁶ Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: The Wonders of God's World

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of Truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Responsive Confession

[Today's text]

Pastor: Creator God, we confess that we do not always live like children of the Almighty Sovereign.

People: We are a busy, forgetful people who have failed to consider the work of Your hands.

Pastor: As created ones, we forget that we are not like You, the Creator.

People: We think of ourselves as both more and less than we are – more important and less glorious.

Pastor: Instead of being humbled by Your care, we live like we are entitled to it.

People: You made us to tend the works of Your hands, but we can live more like consumers than stewards.

Pastor: We have forfeited parts of Your Creation for profit – for the comfort of some at the expense of others.

People: We speak of rights, but not of blessing.

Pastor: We cannot grasp a God Who uses the weakest – the mouths of little children – to disarm great enemies.
We continue to humbly repent in silence.

All: God, we are grateful that we can turn to Your Son, Jesus, the One in Whom all things are being made new, the One who even now is at work reconciling us to You, to each other, to the land, and to ourselves. All of this through the Cross.

Assurance of Pardon

[Ephesians 2:4-5]

Because of God's great love for us, even when we were dead in our sins, God made us alive together with Christ. By grace, we have been saved.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8

A SEASON OF PRAISE

Majesty and How Majestic is Your Name in All the Earth

[The music to both songs is on the next two pages. Sing both songs twice]

SERMON: God's Majesty

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Psalm 8:3-4]

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?

PRAYERS 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

² All Your works with joy surround You. Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays.

Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising You eternally!

³ Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.

Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let Your light upon us shine;

Teach us how to love each other. Lift us to the joy divine.

⁴ Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began.

God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*CLOSING ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: Lord, our Lord! How majestic is Your Name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory in the heavens.

All: Lord, our Lord! How majestic is your name in all the earth!

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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Majesty

Maj - es - ty, _____ worship his maj - es - ty; _____ un - to Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

Maj - es - ty, _____ king - dom au - thor - i - ty _____ flow from his throne un - to his

own, his an - them raise. _____ So ex - ault, lift up on high the name of Je - sus; _____

_____ mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King. Maj - es - ty, _____ worship his

maj - es - ty; _____ Je - sus, who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings. _____

How Majestic is Your Name in All the Earth

C F C G C

Oh Lord, _ our Lord, _ how ma-jes - tic is Your name _ in all ____ the earth. _ Oh

3 C F C G C F Dm⁷

Lord, _ our Lord, _ how ma-jes - tic is Your name _ in all ____ the earth. _ Oh _ Lord, we

6 G G^{sus/A} G/B C F Dm⁷ G G^{sus/A} G/B C B

praise Your _ name; Oh _ Lord, we mag - ni - fy ____ Your name; _ Prince of

9 Em D G G/F C/E F G^{sus} G

1. C F

Peace, _ Might - y God, oh _ Lord _ God Al - might - y.

12 C G C

2. C B Em D G G/F

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Oh - y. Prince of Peace, _ Might - y God, oh _