



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, August 8, 2021

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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 Proverbs 8]

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling! Before all began, God, the Word, and Wisdom

People: Creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep.

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling! From the mountain tops, earth, fields, and sea

People: Creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep.

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling! To those who suffer, God's love is given.

People: Endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep.

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling! Daily, God's delight: you, me, everyone

People: Given hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives.

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling! Poured into our hearts that we may become

People: Christ's hands and heart, love as the foundation of our lives.

Pastor: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

**¹ For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the Love which from our birth over and around us lies.**

Refrain: *Lord of all, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

**² For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**³ For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]**

**⁴ For the Church that evermore lifts her holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]**

**⁵ For Yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: It's not fair!

NEW MEMBERS

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[Romans 1:16-17]

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Let's confess our sins in this assurance. Forgive us please when...

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: We demand of ourselves and others perfect righteousness or wisdom.

People: We have abandoned ourselves to folly.

Pastor: We should, rather than those, have sought to respect and obey You.

People: We have missed Your time and place to do things.

Pastor: We have spent much effort and money trying to escape life's battles.

People: In our folly we have lost Your protection.

Pastor: We have used our power in a way that brought harm to others.

People: We have not enjoyed the life You have given to us.

Pastor: We have not loved and enjoyed our spouse.

People: We have not done what our hands have found to do with all our might.

Pastor: We have not let joy accompany us in our work.

All: We do not use quiet words of wisdom.

Assurance of Pardon

[Romans 3:21-22]

But now a righteousness from God ... has been made known... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

A SEASON OF PRAISE

Lord, I Need You

**¹ 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 1 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.*

**²Where 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 1**

*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 2 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.*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**¹ What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**² O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]**

**³ What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]**

SCRIPTURE: five selections from Ecclesiastes 7:15-9:18

SERMON: Advice for Living Wisely

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[from Ecclesiastes 8:8]

One cannot escape life's battles; even wealth cannot protect one from them.

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

[Matthew 18:20]

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

The Solid Rock

**¹ My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: ***On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

**² When darkness veils Your lovely face, I rest on Your unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]**

**³ Your oath, Your covenant, Your blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, You then are all my hope and stay. [Refrain]**

**⁴ Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging Love.
I trust Your righteous character, Your wisdom, promise, and Your pow'r. [Refrain]**

**⁵ When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in You be found.
Dressed in Your righteousness alone, faultless to stand before Your throne. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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