



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Pastor: Bruce Farrell

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

THE PRELUDE

Ringing of the bell

We Gather to Worship our Lord Jesus Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[1 Corinthians 1:20-24, 30]

Pastor: Where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense?

People: The world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, so God in His wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb – preaching, of all things! - to bring those who trust Him into the way of salvation.

Pastor: Some clamor for miraculous demonstrations and others go for philosophical wisdom.

People: But, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. This is like an anti-miracle to some and absurdity to others.

Pastor: But to us whom God personally called, Christ is God's ultimate miracle, the power and wisdom all wrapped up in one.

People: It is because of God that we are in Christ Jesus, Who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

All: We come to give You our love and adoration and glory. All praise to You!

*HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

**¹ O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**² The Church, from her dear Master, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, 'mid mists and rocks and quicksand, still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**³ O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold, to bear before the nations Your true light as of old;
Teach us, Your wandering pilgrims, by this our path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face!**

OPENING PASTORAL PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105; John 17:17; Matthew 4:4; Colossians 3:16; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; John 14:26; 2 Timothy 2:15;
Matthew 28:19-20

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Psalm 100

Pastor Farrell

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

DEDICATION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Children stay here at the baptismal font with me. Teachers please stand. Were we not in a pandemic, we would have you gather around the baptismal font with the children. We have just heard our Lord and Savior say to us, "Go and make disciples, baptizing them . . . and teaching them." Teachers, in your baptism, God made clear the promises of the gospel for you. God embraced you and welcomed you to the body of Christ. Your work this year in our church is nothing less than a response to this welcoming embrace. You are working out the implications of your baptism, even as you are inviting our children, youth, and people of all ages to do the same. Dear children, many of you have been baptized. We look forward with others of you to a time when you will be baptized. In baptism we learn that each of us belongs to God and to each other. At your baptism, this church promised to help you in grow in your faith and make sure that you hear how much God loves each of you. Your teachers are following through on that promise.

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Mark 12:41-44]

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, may your name be honored and set apart from all others.

May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day the food we need.

Forgive us what we owe to you, as we have also forgiven those who owe anything to us.

Keep us clear of temptation and save us from evil one. For Yours is the power and the Kingdom and the glory forever and ever.

Rally Day Celebration



We warmly welcome back and give thanks to: This Way Up, the Crull family: Eric and Danielle, Jax, Max and Carson, who play unconventional percussion – colorful plastic tubes, "boomwhackers", and corrugated drainage pipe, tuned to specific notes and played like a crazy pipe organ!

Below are some words to a few songs they may use to lead us in worship.

Shine

Chorus: Shine. Make 'em wonder what you've got. Make 'em wish that they were not on the outside looking bored.
Shine. Let it shine before all men. Let 'em see good works and then let 'em glorify the Lord (shine).

Veggie Tales Theme Song

Chorus: If you like to talk to tomatoes, if a squash can make you smile, if you like to waltz with potatoes up and down the produce aisle, have we got a show for you. Veggie Tales Veggie Tales, Veggie Tales Veggie Tales, Veggie Tales Veggie Tales, Veggie Tales Veggie Tales

I Saw The Light

Chorus: I saw the light I saw the light. No more in darkness; no more in night. (And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Awesome God

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God. He Reigns, from heaven above with wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.

*CLOSING HYMN

Revive Us Again

¹ We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. [Refrain]

Refrain

Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

² We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]

³ All glory and praise to the Lamb Who was slain, Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain. [Refrain]

⁴ We praise Thee, O God! for the days of our youth, for the bright lamp that shineth – the Word of Thy truth. [Refrain]

⁵ Revive us again: fill each heart with Thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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