



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, September 5, 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**.

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Today's texts]

Pastor: God saw all that He had made and it was very good. The heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

People: Then You blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it You rested from all the work of creating that You had done.

Pastor: Jesus bids all come to Him: religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, civilized and uncouth, slave and free, weary and burdened.

People: We are included in Him. Jesus says to us, "I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me."

Pastor: Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be thankful.

People: We'll let Your message dwell richly among as we teach and admonish each other with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

All: We'll sing to You, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer with gratitude in our hearts.

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

¹ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

**² Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under His wings, oh, so gently sustaining.**

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?

**³ Praise to the Lord, Who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with His love He befriends you.

⁴ Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again. Gladly forever adore Him!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: What do you want to be when you grow up?

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

[from Colossians 3:1-4]

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, not on earthly things. When Christ, Who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Let us come in confession of our earthly-minded hearts in the assurance of our appearance with Him in glory.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: Even You rest on the day You made holy; we in our arrogance continue to work.

People: We don't set our hearts on things above, where You are, but on earthly things.

Pastor: We don't let Your message dwell among us richly.

People: We don't let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. We are not always thankful.

Pastor: We are weary and burdened but forfeit Your peace and rest because we don't come to You.

People: We really do doubt that Your yoke is easy and burden light.

Pastor: We don't intentionally and actively put to death our earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed, idolatry.

People: Neither do we rid ourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language.

Pastor: We have lied to each other. We don't bear with each other and forgive as You forgave us.

People: We have not clothed ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and above all these: love.

Pastor: You have called all into Your Kingdom; we have ignored or excluded some.

People: We don't teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms and songs.

Pastor: We can serve others to be seen and to curry favor, rather than with sincerity of heart and reverence for You.

People: We don't do all we do, whether in word or deed, with all our hearts in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

[Colossians 3:3,9-10]

For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. You have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

HYMN

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

**¹ How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed Your Call
To live according to Your Word and daily learn - refreshed, restored
That You are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

**² But if forgetful we should find Your Yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
It's tangled skein of care our inward life repair.**

**³ We marvel how Your saints become in hindrances more sure
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear Your Name
And by our faults obscure Your Power to cleanse and cure**

**⁴ In what You give us Lord to do together or alone
In old routines and ventures new may we not cease to look to You
The cross You hung upon all You endeavored done.**

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:31-2:3; Matthew 11:28-30; Colossians 3:1-17, 23-4:1

SERMON: Labor Day 2021

SONG

Lead Me, Lord

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face.
For it is You, Lord, You Lord, only, Who makes me dwell in safety.**

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[Genesis 1:31]

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

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

Forth in Your Name I Go

Tune: Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak

**¹ Forth in Your name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
You only, Lord, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**² Each task Your wisdom has assigned, here let me cheerfully fulfill.
In all my work Your presence find and prove Your good and perfect will.**

**³ May I set You at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost secrets view
and labor on at Your command and offer all my work to You.**

**⁴ Help me to bear Your easy yoke; in ev'ry moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look and hasten to that glorious day.**

**⁵ Then with delight may I employ all that Your bounteous grace has given,
and run my earthly course with joy, and closely walk with You in heaven.**

BENEDICTION IN SONG

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NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

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