



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, May 1, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members
Guest Preacher: Rev. Joel Jackson

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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

Leader: God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise our God!

People: This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

P: We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.

L: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

P: We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

HYMN of PRAISE

Love Devine

Hymnal #4

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

We who have listened to the siren calls of our culture have neglected a faithful witness to Jesus Christ. The frantic pace of our busyness has left little time or energy to ponder the marvelous works of God. We have closed the doors of our hearts to a presence who longs to claim us. Come with me now to the throne of grace as we join in humble confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by ears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are loved. We are forgiven, freed from our sins by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. New life is ours. Let us recount the deeds of our God and respond to the Holy Spirit with joy and thanksgiving. The steadfast love of God endures forever. Fill the sanctuary with joyous praise!

SCRIPTURE : II Corinthians 5:11-6:2

SERMON: "What Motivates Us?"

SONG *The Church's One Foundation*

Hymnal #1

OFFERING

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

As the apostles filled Jerusalem with their teaching about Jesus, we are called to bring good news to the world. Our witness is in word and deed, in time and treasure. Give thanks in all things, for God is good. With our gifts we express thanks for God's steadfast love which endures forever.

OFFERTORY

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine along, a trust, O Lord, from thee. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.

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

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymnal # 129

BENEDICTION

L: Go out in the strength God provides. Praise God's mighty deeds by the way you live.

P: In loving obedience, we will witness to our faith. We will give thanks each day for God's goodness.

L: The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere. The Holy Spirit empowers our worship and service.

P: God is our strength and our might. God answers our prayers with salvation.

L: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

P: This day is a precious gift from God. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: Amen.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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