



# Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship  
Sunday, May 22, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Shelley Miller

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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

L: Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

**P: Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.**

L: Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

**P: God has a place for us in the world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.**

L: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

**P: God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.**

INVOCATION

We praise you, O God, and celebrate your presence with us. Your glory fills all heaven and earth, all time and space. Your gifts surround us and dwell within us. We are your children. Come to wipe away our tears and comfort us in our distress. Come to heal our divisions and overcome our prejudices. Come, that we might be loved into discipleship. Amen.

\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

Hymnal # 1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God revealed to us in the pages of Scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. So we gather to seek removal of all barriers to that love. Come to confess all that separates you from others and from your own best.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not loveable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises to dwell with us, to ease our pain and wipe tears from our eyes. Dare to trust, for God accepts us as we are, that we might become all we are meant to be. God grants us the opportunity to repent. It is a gift that leads to new life. Accept God's offer of new life in Christ.

SCRIPTURE: John 17:20-26

SERMON: That the World Will Know

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERING

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

God has called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for ones in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time and strength as well as money, that God's will may be realized among us.

\*OFFERTORY

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us – a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. 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

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

<sup>1</sup>We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

<sup>2</sup> We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

<sup>3</sup> We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)

<sup>4</sup> All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

L: We go out as disciples of Jesus Christ. The world will recognize you by your love.

**P: Love has created us and makes us whole. We grow in love when we share love.**

L: Praise God whose abundant mercies meet our needs. Commune daily with the one who heads our family.

**P: When we know God's presence, we are unafraid. Newness is welcomed as God's gift to us.**

L: God is Alpha and Omega, beginning and end. God refreshes us daily with the gift of living water.

**P: We have been baptized with water and the Holy Spirit. We are ambassadors of love to all we meet.**

**All: AMEN.**

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE