



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

Guest Preacher: Mark Stauffer

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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: Clap your hands, all you people of God. Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

P: God reigns among us and far beyond us. We celebrate the immeasurable greatness of God!

L: We are called to be witnessing people. Testify, then, to God's loving purpose in Jesus Christ.

P: Christ is head over all things for the church. We celebrate Christ's resurrection and ascension.

L: Worship with eager anticipation of empowerment. Give thanks for the Holy Spirit.

P: This is a day for revelation and renewal. We are thankful for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

INVOCATION

Most high God, Ruler of the world, we seek to know you more fully in this time of worship. Reveal yourself to us here. Grant us knowledge of your word, a presence that transcends description, a hope that empowers faithful service. With your praise on our lips, we reach out with longing hearts to know the power of Spirit which you have given to the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Hymnal #36

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Special Music

Near The Cross

John Moyer & Mark Stauffer

SCRIPTURE:

II Timothy: 3

SERMON:

The Power of the Gospel

COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our worship celebrates God's rule over all creation. We are a part of that creation. We acknowledge God's sovereignty in our individual lives and in the church. Do our deeds reflect the immeasurable greatness of God's power? Do they mark us as disciples of Jesus Christ? Join me in admitting the shallowness of our commitment.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are judge over all things. That strikes terror within us when we realize how poorly our church has lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have ben more interested in institutional survival that in proclamation of the gospel, more attentive to numbers than to individuals, more eager to speak than to listen. What is true for all of us together is also true for most of us individually. We do not seek or accept your daily guidance. Our witness to Jesus Christ is a pale reflection of the joy expressed by the early disciples. Forgive our pretenses. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Repentance opens the way for forgiveness. God is restoring all who are truly penitent. Drink from the streams of living water. Receive the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may forgive as you have been forgiven.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD *Break Thou the Bread of Life* Hymn# 418

SHARING OF THE WINE *Nothing But the Blood* Hymn# 425

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this memorial, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

OFFERING

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

There are times when it is appropriate to stand gazing into the heavens. There are seasons for withdrawing to pray. But there are also times to get to work. As we offer ourselves in the service of Jesus Christ, we return our tithes and extra gifts to extend ministry beyond the limits of our own reach.

*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**

For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness we give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into parts of the world that have not experienced good news. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. Amen.

*Hymn

There Is a Fountain

Hymnal #437

BENEDICTION

L: Christ is alive; share the good news. Revelation and wisdom are given to us; pass on the gifts.

P: We are witnesses to the difference Christ makes. Daily life is changed; the earth is a better place.

L: Let your joy be spontaneous and genuine. Clap your hands and shout your praise.

P: We will bless God together in the temple. We will let our daily lives preach Christ's name.

L: You will receive power from the Holy Spirit. The eyes of your hearts will be enlightened by hope.

P: We will not shrink from God's empowering spirit. We will carry Christ's message to all people.

All: AMEN.

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