



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, July 10, 2022

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

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

L: We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence:

P: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

L: We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

P: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

L: Come, let us celebrate together the power to love and to speak truth:

P: We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking! No one can stop us now!

*OPENING HYMN

Count Your Blessings

Hymnal #112

INVOCATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon us; allow your presence to fill us with power from on high. Come, Holy One, and dwell among us. We need your authority to love our neighbor and speak to the powers of this world. Give us a special anointing to stand and be witnesses in our homes, our schools, and on our jobs. Come into this place and make us one with each other. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

We confess you are still speaking!

In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

We confess you are still speaking!

In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:

We confess you are still speaking!

In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!

Let us confess together:

We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken.

Thanks to the Word of God!

SCRIPTURE : Luke 10:25-37

SERMON: Neighbors and Outlaws

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, here together on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God and heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

Leader: God of compassion **P: Hear our 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

We are called to love and obey God's still-speaking voice. Let us give freely to the building of God's kingdom on earth. Come now and share your gifts, tithes and offerings. Let us give as God has blessed us to give.

*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

O God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings for the building of your kingdom on earth.

Bless the gift and the givers. Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service.

We offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven

Hymnal # 113

BENEDICTION

Now as we leave this place, but not from your presence, let us remember your still-speaking voice. Send your grace to go with us, your peace to keep us, and your love to surround us as we travel. May we leave empowered to love and speak your truth each day. **Amen.**

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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