



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, August 14, 2022

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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: Let us sing to the God of Hosts

People: who provides for us, and whom we worship in this space.

L: How awesome is our God

P: who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world;

L: who anticipates our every need;

P: who loves us beyond measure. O God, our God give heed to our presence.

Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.

The let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

INVOCATION

Most Gracious God we greet you once again in this sacred space. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need, want and desire your presence in our lives. So we come in prayer and listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just and gracious God, **We come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; We bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, Forgive us our sins, And free us to love, For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, Nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven."
Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE : Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

SERMON: Restore Us

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

Leader: Hear us, O God. **P: Your mercy is great.**

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

People of God, we have come to that part of our worship when we are invited to respond with thanksgiving to God's provisions for us. We have an opportunity to participate with God in the care of God's people. Let our love of God lead us to generosity for the sake of those who need our help.

*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

Bless, O God, these our gifts, and bless our desire to participate with you in the building of your realm among us. Accept these gifts as a sign of our love for you and for our neighbors. Amen.

*HYMN

We're Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

CHORUS: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, But children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. CHORUS

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields, Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. CHORUS

Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry;
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Be encouraged by your faith in God and in your desire to live into God's expectations for your lives. Receive God's blessing as beloved children of God. Look to Jesus this week as the perfecter of our faith – allow him to be an example for our living. Have faith in the work and power of the Holy Spirit through whom God's work in us is accomplished. Amen.

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