



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, August 21, 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 (Ring of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

People: The Divine One is a spring of water!

L: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

P: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

L: We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:

P: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

L: We may be bent over with struggle or pain. So we come into God's presence:

P: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues

Hymnal #7

INVOCATION

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

God Our Bodyguard

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.

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 : Exodus 1: 1-14

VIDEO SONG: Egypt | Bethel Music, Cory Asbury

SERMON: My Egypt

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

As God's humble and compassionate workers, let us participate in the healing reign of Jesus through our pledges and offerings given at this time.

*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

With reverence and awe for your ways, we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice, the work of healing, restoring and setting free in your holy name, God of our hearts. Amen.

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my hearts.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tent the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

Now let us go forth in God's love, and with God's power let us help all people to "stand up straight", no matter how long they have been infirm and no matter what day of the week it is! Go and offer wholeness in the name of God. Amen.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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