



**Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Sunday, August 28, 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: Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper. Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

**People: It is God who led our ancestors through hard times. It is God who leads us through difficult days.**

L: God will not leave us or forsake us. God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

**P: God fills our mouths with good things. God offers us fountains of living water.**

L: Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will. Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

**P: We will delight in the commandments of our God. We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

HYMNAL #8

INVOCATION

Gracious God, our helper, we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship. We have come to listen and to receive your counsel. Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will. Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives, that we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Follow God's Directions

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we are not in daily communion with God, false gods rush in to claim our loyalty. We chase after things that do not profit. We become cracked cisterns that can hold no water. Only God can fill our emptiness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you, the source of living water. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are those who fear God, who delight in God's commandments. It is well with those who deal generously with others, conduct their affairs with justice, and care for the poor. When we listen to God, the enemies within and around us are subdued and we can walk with confidence into each new day.

SCRIPTURE : Colossians 3:1-17

SERMON: Live As Though You're Alive

HYMN: *Love Divine*

HYMNAL #4

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

Through our offering, we extend to the world God's banquet invitation. As we reach out to people who have not known or advantages, we are blessed. Let us not neglect to do good and to share generously what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

\*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

**In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. Amen.**

\*SONG

*Hezekiah Walker - Every Priase*

BENEDICTION

L: Go forth as humble servants of Almighty God. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**P: We have no right to boast before God or others. We are simply privileged to share God's bounty.**

L: When you give a banquet, invite those who cannot repay. Give honor to persons not usually recognized.

**P: God has created us as sisters and brothers to all. Everyone is a child of God, deserving of our attention.**

L: God, who blesses your worship, will bless your service. God will feed you with Spiritual food that satisfies.

**P: How good it is to walk in the ways God leads us! How satisfying to drink from the fountain of living water!**

**ALL: Amen.**

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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