



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, August 7, 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, listen to the One

People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

L: Come, see the One

P: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

L: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

P: who shows the salvation of God.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, til moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let all the people rise and bring their special honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud Amen.

INVOCATION

God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your little flock of young and old, male and female, rich and poor, strong and weak, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. We have come: we are dressed for action and have our lamps lit, we are ready for a new dawn that brings an everlasting day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The words of Isaiah remind us in vivid terms that the God of justice cannot endure solemn assemblies that hold on to iniquity. We confess that our hands may be stained with sins that are like scarlet, crimson red, hands that need to be washed to be like bright wool, as beautiful as fresh snow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of mercy, remove the evil of our doings so we may **PEOPLE: learn to do good!**

L: God of mercy, remove confusion from our doings so we may **P: seek justice!**

L: God of mercy, remove fear from our doings so we may **P: rescue the oppressed!**

L: God of mercy, remove hopelessness from our doings so we may **P: defend the orphan!**

L: God of mercy, remove complacency from our doings so we may **P: plea for the widow!**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God of compassion, your eternal love brings us back in true friendship with you through your boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this love is treasured in our hearts. Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith, we are empowered to forgive one another as we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE : Luke 12: 32-40

SERMON: Living into the Promise

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Hymnal #28

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

By faith we understand that everything seen was made by God from things that are not visible. By faith we bring these things, especially our very selves as co-creating partners for constructing a heavenly homeland on earth, whose architect and builder is 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

Life-giving God, by faith we obey your call to set before you the promise and inheritance of who we are and what we have, which you have first given to us in love. May our humble offering be pleasing in your sight and multiply, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore, for the greater good of all creation. Amen.

*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hymnal #357

BENEDICTION

As we go forth to proclaim and live the Good News, may our hearts remain set on an unfailing treasure in heaven where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. Wherever we are, may we know your treasured love in our hearts, and be always ready to open a door as soon as we hear Jesus coming and knocking. Let us follow the footsteps of Christ into the world, and like our Savior, may we unconditionally serve in love all who dwell on this home called earth.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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