



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

Preacher: Rev. Joel Risser

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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: The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: They have all gone astray, there is no one who is good, no, not one.

L: Have they no knowledge, those who devour God's people and do not call upon the Lord?

P: O that our deliverer would come! Lord, restore our lives and make us glad.

*OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power

Hymnal #338

INVOCATION

Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. **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.

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 : Luke 15: 1-10

SERMON: Couch Cushion Confessions

HYMN

Amazing Grace

Hymnal #344

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

Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

*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

*HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymnal #419

BENEDICTION

May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency, may the Living Word expose our foolishness, may the Spirit of mercy turn us home, that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing world.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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