



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, September 18, 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: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine

Hymnal #4

INVOCATION

Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. **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.

HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymnal #43

SCRIPTURE : Luke 16: 1-13

SERMON: Jesus Christ, MBA

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our 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

Children of a loving God, our hope is that as we have been faithful with little, we can be generous in our giving so that First United Church of Christ can be faithful with much. May our continued work for God's purposes be enhanced by the gifts we offer now.

*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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

Sisters and brothers, however dark the night gets—whatever you have squandered—
know that you are held by a love like this:

the Creator who made you still claims you in covenant love;

the Redeemer who died for your sake, lives again by the Word of God;

the Sustainer of all creation, yet breathes courage into your heart.

Go, then, and serve boldly, for God's desire encompasses the whole of creation.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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