Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, May 10, 2020

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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell and Opening thoughts and prayers on Mother's Day

PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

[from Psalm 31, 1 Peter 1, John 14]

Come now worship the Lord Jesus, the living Cornerstone – chosen by and precious to God. We take refuge in You always, especially in these difficult times of uncertainty, fear, sickness, unemployment, loneliness and grief.

Turn your ear to us, come quickly. Be our rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save and deliver us. You have not left us as orphans and You have left us the gift of Your peace.

You sent us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Defender, in Your Name. We will try to rest in You, to not be afraid and have troubled hearts.

O faithful God, we rejoice that You are here now and are coming back to take us to be with You in the place You have prepared for us, Your Father's house, with many rooms!

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

¹ Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide. In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

² Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as He has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

³ Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears. Then shall you better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all that's gone away.

⁴ Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul. When change and tears are past, all safe and blesséd, we shall meet at last.

PRAYERS for 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.

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: When We Get Upset

THE SCRIPTURE John 13:31a, 36-38; 14:1-9a, 10-13, 18, 22, 26-28 When Judas was gone, Simon Peter asked [Him], "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You."

Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for Me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times! Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me [so] that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show Yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father.

SERMON: Jesus' Words to His Troubled Disciples

HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

¹What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

> *Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

² O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

³ What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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