

Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship Sunday, June 7, 2020

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FM 89.3

[9:55 a.m.]

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Graduation Sunday: congratulations to and a prayer for our 2020 graduates

Lord, for all of today's graduates and their families, may their measure of success be bound up, not in making money or a name for themselves, but in trusting in Your mercies, which are new every morning and in bringing fame and honor to Your name by doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with You. Whatever their next chapter is, give them character that exceeds their gifts and humility that exceeds their influence. Give them Jesus, so their lives are an "amen." Ringing of the Bell

Tara Zimmerman

OPENING SONG

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say rejoice.

[Psalm 24:1.9-10, Philippians 3:1, 10, 13b]

[Philippians 3:1]

PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

My brothers and sisters, come rejoice in the Lord! It is a safeguard for you. The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord Almighty, Jesus Christ; He is the King of glory. Know the power of His resurrection. Come, forget what is behind; strain toward what is ahead.

HYMN

Joyful Joyful

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning 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!

² All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heav'n reflect Your rays. Stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain praising You eternally!

³ Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let Your light upon us shine; Teach us how to love each other. Lift us to the joy divine.

⁴ Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began. God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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

How Great Thou Art Jason Dermes, guitar

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Dreams

THE SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:1-14, Luke 9:23-26

SONG OF DEVOTION

Knowing You

[Philippians 3:7-11]

All I once held dear, built my life upon; all this world reveres and wars to own; All I once thought gain, I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this:

Refrain

Knowing you, Jesus; Knowing you, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best. You're my joy, my righteousness And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more; to be found in You and known as Yours. To possess by faith what I could not earn: all-surpassing gift of righteousness. Refrain

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings; To become like You in your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die. *Refrain*

SERMON: Oh! The Places You'll Go

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

¹ You are my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that You are – You're my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

² You are my Wisdom; You're my true Word, I ever with You and You with me, Lord; You're my great Father, I'm Your true heir; You in dwelling, and I in Your care.

³You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight. You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower. Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power.

⁴ Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise, You're my inheritance now and always; You, and You only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou are!

⁵ High King of heaven, when victory's won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

[from Philippians 3:10-14]

As you leave, know the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Be a partner in His suffering, all the way with Him even to death itself. Reach out for Christ, Who has so wondrously reached out for you. Forget what is behind. Keep your eyes on the prize to which God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. Be off and running. Bring others with you. Don't turn back!

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Philippians 3:8

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