

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22nd, 2020 - 10:30 am

4th Sunday in Lent

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to worship and see.

God's light will come to lead us to all that is good.

Open our eyes again to your goodness, gracious God.

We seek to live as children of light.

God sees our hearts and fears.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to return to God's peace.

We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the work of God.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Holy God, we want to sense your involvement in our lives - especially in anxious times.

Like a shepherd, you watch over us and provide abundantly beyond our needs. You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray. You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity. Let your light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not yet seen and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized. May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another. Amen.

*HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. In times of anxiety, fear and perceived scarcity we wander far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or

act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray; help us to trust. Help us to change. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The goodness and mercy of God are always here and now for you. We can receive these gifts when we are truly sorry for our sin and open to the richness of God's grace. When we let God touch lives, new light dawns and can begin to view others and ourselves with the compassion of Christ. Let us accept with joy the healing we are offered right here, right now.

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM

Walkin to Jordan by Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S CHAT:

Pastor Jim

*HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 John 4:7-18

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

On Insert

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our thanks, tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

*HYMN Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God will draw us out of the shadows and into the light. In the brightness of God's love, we are transformed.

We see much that we had not seen before.

We will see God in action.

God has challenged the way we label others.

We are invited to learn from them, not judge them.

Not all disciples of Jesus are like us.

Yet all of us are welcomed by God.

God will lead us daily by still waters.
We will be guided along the right paths.

God restores our souls and keeps us from evil.
We can count on God's goodness and mercy. Amen.

***BENEDICTION** #840
***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

POSTLUDE
*All those who are able, please stand

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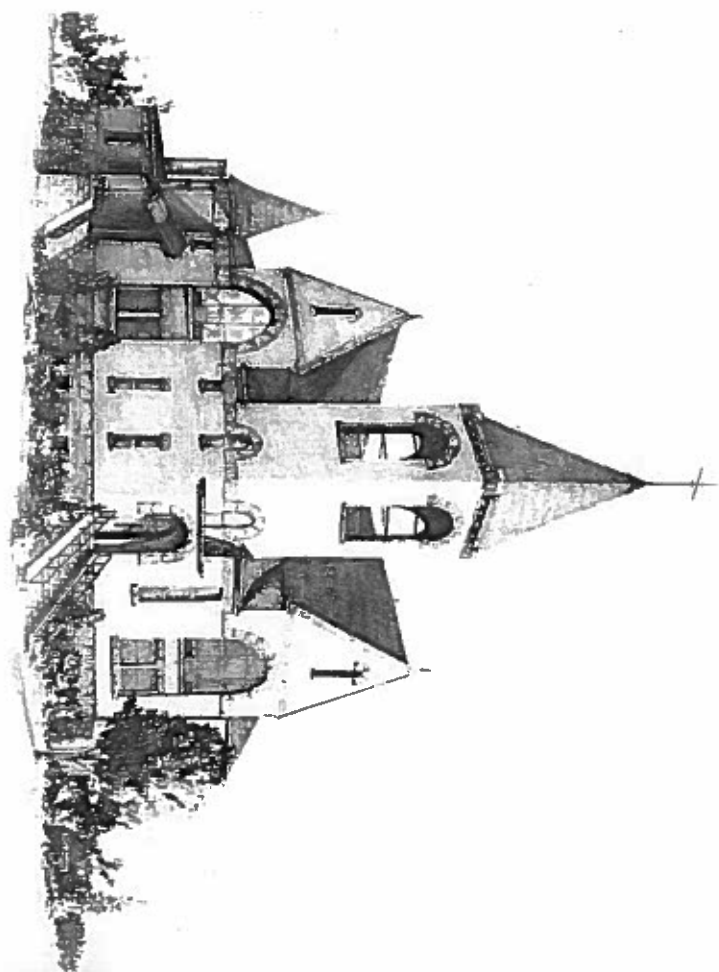
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Scripture lessons

Psaln 23 New International Version (NIV)

Psaln 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^{1a}
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Footnotes:

1. ^a Psaln 23:4 Or the valley of the shadow of death

1 John 4 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Apostle's Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic¹ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ The term "catholic" means "universal", throughout all ages and generations.

522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him . . . Jn. 10:4

1. Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre -
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms

pare: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we
 stray: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we
 free: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to
 fill: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us

are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

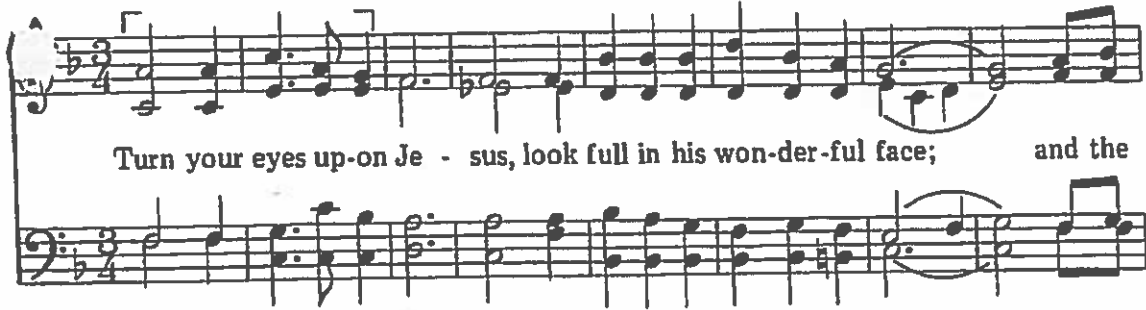
life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live - with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

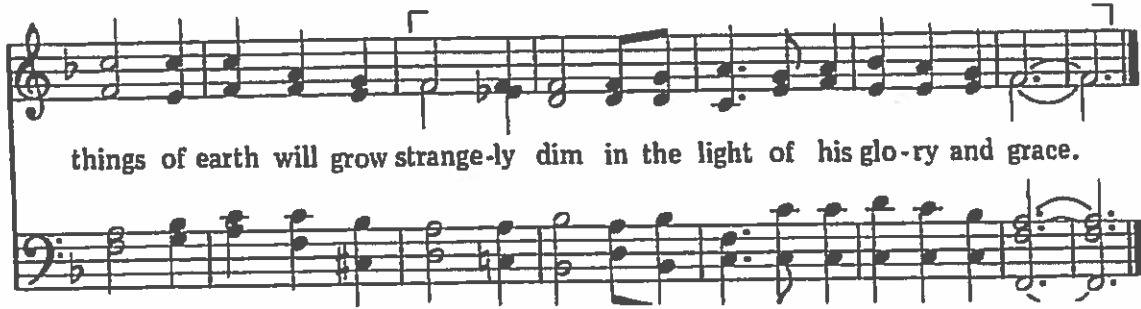
thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

452 Turn. Your Eyes upon Jesus

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth." Is. 45:22



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the



things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.