

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 5th, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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**MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** (silent congregational preparation for worship)

**PRELUDE** Chorale from Fifth Symphony *F. Mendelssohn*

**INTROIT** Praise the Lord *W. H. Doane*

**GREETING** L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

**God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.**

**All creation joins us in giving thanks.**

Give ear, all people, to the law of God.

Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

**God upholds all who are falling.**

**God raises us up when we are bowed down.**

Come, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

**The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.**

**We have come to find rest for our souls.**

**MORNING PRAYER** (read by Lay Reader)

We come together, gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. The anticipation of this hour of rest and nourishment fills us with renewed joy and gladness. We thank you, God, that your revelation comes to us, not because we are open to your word. Open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen.

**\*HYMN** America, the Beautiful **#418**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. Yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns.**

**We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us.**

**We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and one another. O God, help us to put away this sin. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's forgiveness is realized most profoundly by those who understand their own emptiness and seek the refreshment God alone can provide. We are drawn to God and to one another by the eternal spirit who wills our unity, who offers help with the burdens we carry and invites us to find rest for our souls. Christ assures us: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted *George C. Stebbins*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Cheryl Drevlow

**\*HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us **#522**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 45:10-17 (p.506); Romans 7:15-25a (p.1028); Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (p.887)

**MESSAGE** Rev. James Deters

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed **#14**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** Andante *F. Mendelssohn*

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**With all the gifts of creation, you have blessed us, gracious God. We give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful heart, along with our gifts. We ask for wisdom as our church determines priorities for the use of resources. May we be as concerned about outreach and mission as we are about programs for ourselves. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** My Country, 'Tis of Thee **#417**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Carry with you, in your innermost selves, delight in God's law.

Meditate day by day on God's purpose for your lives.

**We rejoice that God dwells with us every day.**

**We want to know and do God's will for us.**

We encounter God in unexpected places.

God surprises us in the life and witness of people.

**We learn from the youngest in our midst.**

**Simple and humble people have much to teach us.**

Take Christ's yoke upon you, for that yoke is easy.

It imparts confidence that lightens our burdens.

**We will find rest and renewal through Christ.**

**We seek to express the same humility and gentleness.**

**Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

**POSTLUDE** The Rejoicing

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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*G. F. Handel*



**United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am**

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## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.

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

## **Psalm 45:10-17**

**p.506**

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-colored robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

## **Romans 7:15-25a**

**p.1028**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I

know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

## **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

**p.887**

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a

friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

**25-30:**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## BIRTHDAYS

July 7:	Rick Whiting & Myra Bliss
July 8	Clay Torres
July 9	Lindsey Stadler
July 10	Craig Wickman
July 11	Anika Whiting, Jeanne Spruell & Betty Good

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Online worship services to continue through August

A discussion on the resumption of in-person worship services dominated the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of Session. Members of Session, well aware of the desire of the church congregation to meet together for Sunday services, considered the spiritual needs of our membership through resumed services while weighing the risks to our community of faith by congregating together once again.

Session heard the report of the Worship Committee developed from discussions with a retired physician who advises groups on public gatherings as well as information received from the CDC, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The report of the committee provided several choices for worship including:

- 1) Continuation with the live streaming of services only.
- 2) Worshipping outdoors with social distancing of family units and the continuation of live streaming for high risk individuals.
- 3) Worshipping indoors with restrictions. Some of those restrictions would include the interviewing of each attendee for COVID risks outside of the building, restricting access to one entrance, the wearing of face masks, use of hand sanitizer, and elimination of singing and unison liturgical elements of the service. Live streaming would continue for high risk individuals.

The committee, in its verbal report, noted that the pandemic risk factors are working against us at the present time even though several area congregations have chosen to reopen for in-service worship. The committee recommended continuing with the live streaming of services only.

Session accepted the recommendation of the committee to keep the church building closed for Sunday worship and offer only live streaming of services through August 19<sup>th</sup>. Session will review this policy at its August meeting unless conditions change requiring suggesting that the policy be reviewed at an earlier date.

While Session understands that the decision will be disappointing to members of our congregation, it is also aware of media accounts of the spreading of the contagion in areas of the country in which groups have once again started to congregate, including several involving communities of faith. Our congregation consists of many individuals considered to be within the high-risk groups for COVID-19. Session believes it has a responsibility to the members and friends of the congregation to err on the side of caution and protect the safety of those who worship together.

**Children's Chats** for the summer months. We are looking for volunteers to do children's chats this summer via video for our Sunday streaming services. If you would like to volunteer, need help with this, or need to learn how to do this please email [ladams1055@gmail.com](mailto:ladams1055@gmail.com) or text or call Lynn at 715-209-6784.

**Communications Committee** In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The submittal deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to [info@upcchurch.org](mailto:info@upcchurch.org).

# 418 America, the Beautiful

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33:12



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!  
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!



# 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.



# My Country, 'Tis of Thee 417

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Prov. 14:34



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
sweet free - dom's song: let mor - tal tongues a - wake, let all that  
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - ery moun - tain side let free - dom ring!  
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King!



WORDS: Samuel F. Smith, 1832  
MUSIC: *Thesaurus Musicus*, c. 1745

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