

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 2nd, 2020

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**PRELUDE** Treuer Gott, Ich Muss Dir Klagen *J. Pachelbel*

**CHORAL INTROIT** Revive Us Again *J. J. Husband*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into the presence of God to be fed.

Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

**We gather to seek God's face.**

**Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.

Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**We are here to receive God's blessing.**

**God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

God is near to all who call and seek.

Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

**Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.**

**We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

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

We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. The earth is full of your provisions. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

**\*HYMN** When Morning Gilds the Skies **#99**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall.**

**Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is merciful, patient, kind, and loving. All creation is subject to God's care and concern. God attends to our cries and frees our lips from deceit. In Christ, our brokenness finds healing, and relationships are mended and strengthened. God feeds us in ways beyond our knowing and prompts our generosity. Know the glory of God surrounding us here as we worship. Celebrate the refreshment God offers.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** The Stranger of Galilee *Lelia N. Morris*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Pastor Jim

**\*HYMN** Break Thou the Bread of Life **#315**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (p.588); Romans 9:1-5 (p.1030) & Matthew 14:13-21 (p.891)

**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** In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr *J. C. Bach*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community or your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind verses 1, 2, 4 **#591**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go out to wrestle with God and the world this week.

Know that God intends that you will feel blessed.

**We believe that God preserves our lives.**

**All we have is a gift to us from our Creator.**

God bids us welcome others into the faith community.

Christ commands: Give them something to eat.

**As God has fed us, we want to share God's bounty.**

**We want to pass on God's steadfast love.**

Call on God in your times of need.

Listen for the answers God supplies.

**God keeps covenant with us at all times.**

**We will seek to keep our promises to God. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Allegro Vivace

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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**#840**

*G. F. Handel*



**United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

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

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am**

*Illustration by Ben Cogger*

## **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 17:1-7, 15****p.588**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

**Romans 9:1-5****p.1030**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to

the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**Matthew 14:13-21****p.891**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## BIRTHDAYS

8/2	Emil Wickman
8/4	Julie Whiting, Marshall Swanson & Nicole Erickson
8/5	Dale Torres & Mark Brown
8/7	Lincoln Wickman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming food distribution

- August 5th from 10 am to noon at WITC in Ashland

Note: There are no income requirements for this distribution. There will also be a food distribution form Second Harvest in Duluth - date not known at this time.

### 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 livestreaming of services only.
- 2) Worshiping outdoors with social distancing of family units and the continuation of livestreaming for high risk individuals.
- 3) Worshiping 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. Livestreaming 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 livestreaming 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 catching 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 submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to [info@upcchurch.org](mailto:info@upcchurch.org).

# When Morning Gilds the Skies 99

In the morning I will sing of your love. Ps. 59:16

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find,  
3. The night be - comes as day, when from the heart we say,  
4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark - ness fear  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

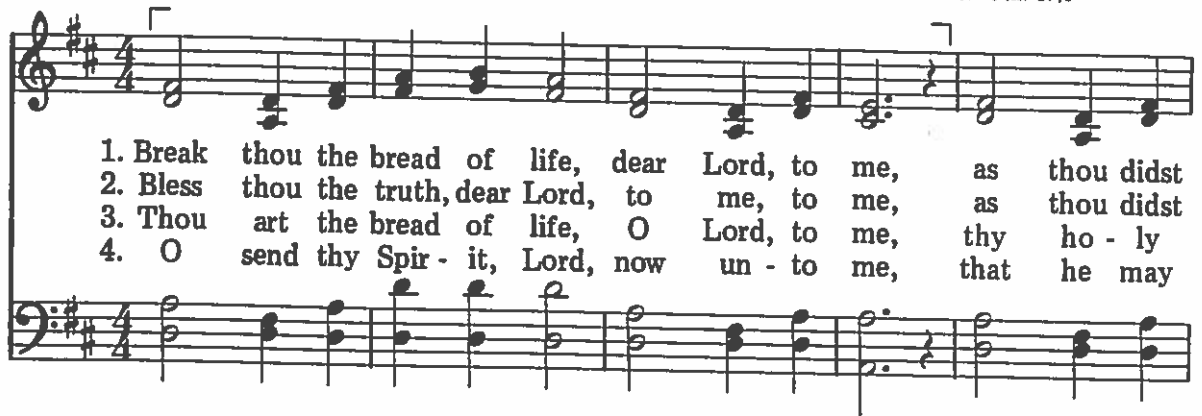
to Je - sus I re - pair, may Je - sus. Christ be praised!  
My com - fort still is this, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
when this sweet chant they hear, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
through all the a - ges long, may Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828; tr. Edward Caswall, 1854  
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

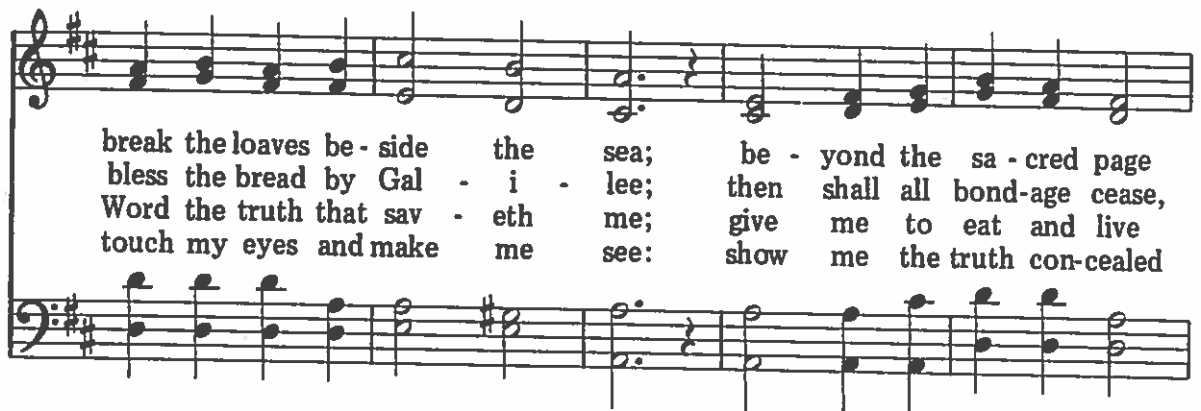
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# Break Thou the Bread of Life 315

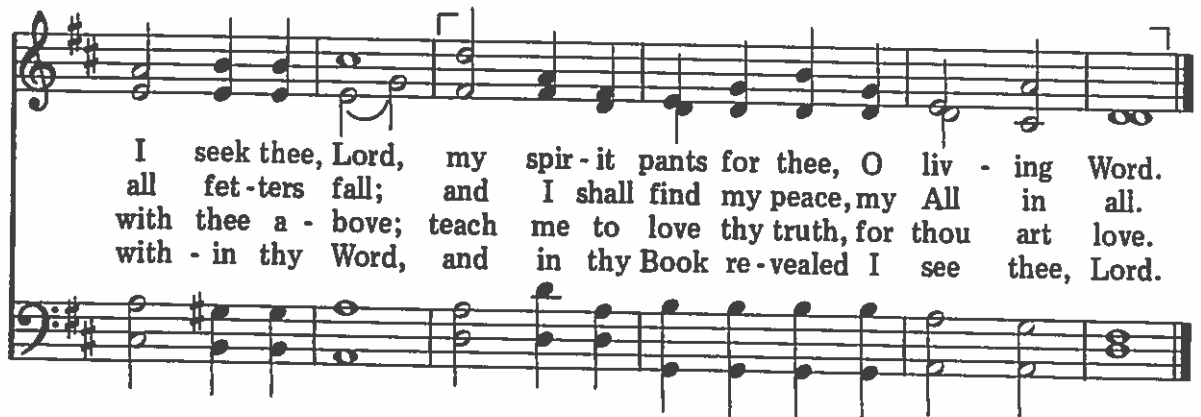
... and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Mk. 6:41



1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst  
3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, thy ho - ly  
4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



break the loaves be - side the sea; be - yond the sa - cred page  
bless the bread by Gal - i - lee; then shall all bond-age cease,  
Word the truth that sav - eth me; give me to eat and live  
touch my eyes and make me see: show me the truth con-cealed



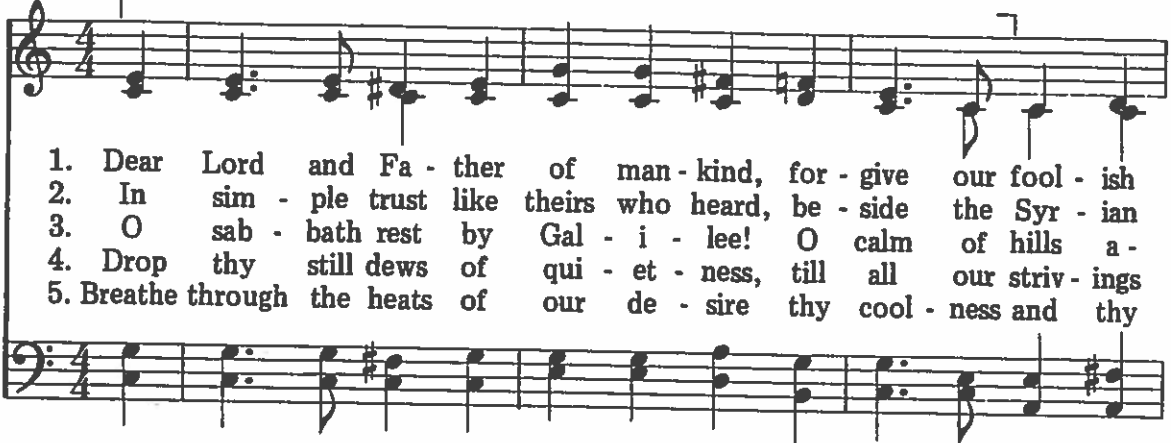
I seek thee, Lord, my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in all.  
with thee a - bove; teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.  
with - in thy Word, and in thy Book re - vealed I see thee, Lord.

WORDS: St. 1-2, Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; st. 3-4, Alexander Groves, 1913  
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

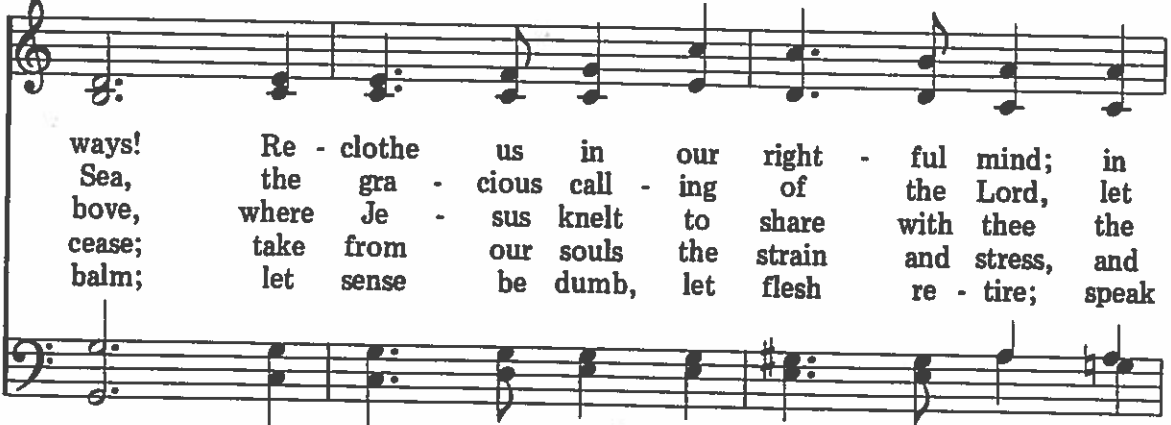
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# Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 591

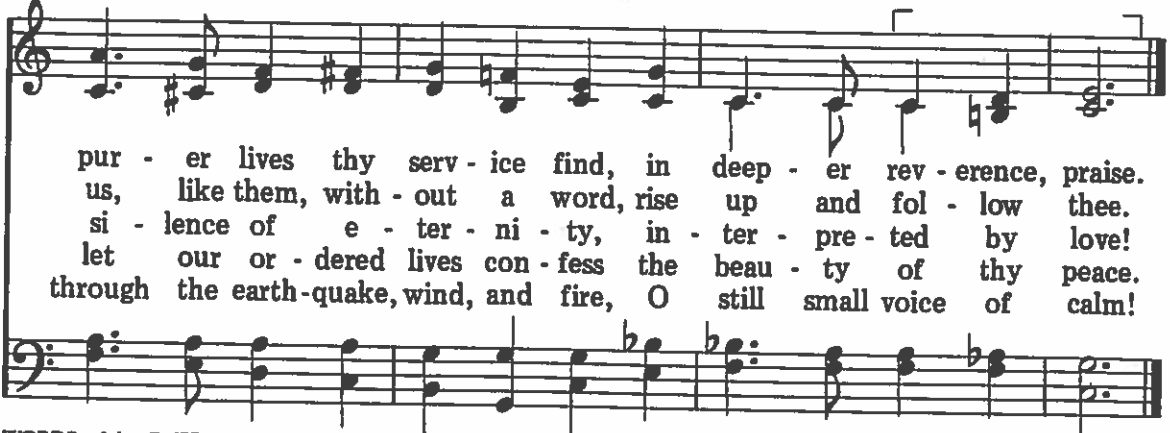
They found the man . . . sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind. Lk. 8:35



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish  
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian  
3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -  
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in  
Sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy serv - ice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.  
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pre - ted by love!  
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

WORDS: John G. Whittier, 1872  
MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

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