

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2020

14th Sunday After Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Enter God's Courts With Praise *Adam Mason*

CHORAL INTROIT Sing to the Lord of Harvest

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell the whole congregation of God's people:

This is a day for new beginnings.

This is a time of God's appearing.

This is the moment for faithful response.

Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Make melody to God and sing a new song.

Praise God for life enriched by love.

Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

This is the hour to wake from our sleep.

The energy of God's love fills this place.

Here we claim our identity as Christians.

Here we become the church of Jesus Christ..

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

This is a festival day, glorious God, a day of remembering your faithfulness through the centuries, a time for celebrating your vibrant presence with us, a pause of anticipation for the seasons yet to be. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are known by you, called by you, empowered by you to live honorably and humbly in the spirit of Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need. Amen.

***HYMN** Come, We That Love the Lord **#22**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome your presence but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. God's healing presence has come among us and dwells within us. Our openness to God's transforming love releases in us the potential for wholeness. We will be amazed at what we can do and who we can be as humble, joyous followers of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM The Cross *Craig Courtney*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian **#563**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 149 (p.571); Romans 13:8-14 (p.1034) & Matthew 18:15-20 (p.895)

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 Immortal, Invisible *Gerald Peterson*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

May these offerings help to free your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of your love shine through all our efforts to share your good news. Keep us in the light where we are tempted to ignore and violate your commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.

***HYMN** Blest Be the Tie That Binds **#708**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We are God's servants, sent on a mission.

Let us make God's deeds known among the people.

We will ready ourselves to go where God sends us.

High praises to God will be in our throats.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another.

Keep the commandments God has given.

"Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

And put on the armor of light."

God grants victory over sin to the humble.

Rejoice, for God takes pleasure in us.

**Where two or three gather, God is with us.
We seek to live honorably in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Victory Through Christ

*All those who are able, please stand.

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PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 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,
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Psalm 149

p.571

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Romans 13:8-14

p.1034

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet", and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

p.895

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.] But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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9/6 Ruth Meschievitz

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Come, We That Love the Lord 22

Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song. Ps. 149:1

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, join
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God; but
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets be -
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; we're

in a song with sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.
chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
MUSIC: Aaron Williams, 1763

ST. THOMAS
S.M.

563 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Mt. 5:6

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain

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WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

564 To Be Like Jesus

Lord Jesus,
 by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit,
 purge our eyes to discern and contemplate you until we attain to see
 as you see, judge as you judge, choose as you choose;
 and having sought and found you
 to behold you forever and ever.
 We ask this for your name's sake. **Amen.**

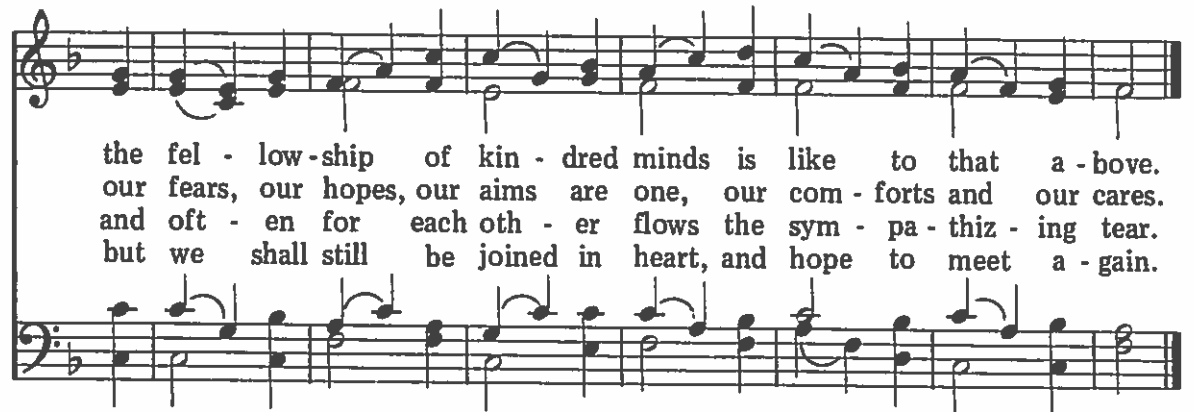
Christina Rossetti, 19th century

708 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782, alt.
MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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