

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13th, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**PRELUDE** Built On The Rock *G. Young*

**CHORAL INTROIT** Sing to the Lord of Harvest *JSB Monsell*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Let us remember God's marvelous works.

**Surely God has saved us in difficult times.**

**How can we forget God's guiding hand?**

When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged.

God helps us turn the evil to good.

**We need not be afraid whatever happens.**

**We are in God's care wherever we go.**

Sing the praises of God, our strength.

Know that God is majestic and holy.

**How great is God's mercy for all who worship!**

**We sense among us God's kindness and patience.**

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

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live. Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust as you saved them from the waters of the sea and the weapons of their pursuers. On this day, grant strength to those who are weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you as we give account to you of our deeds. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven **#26**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save**

**us from the pain we inflict, and help us to discover the blessings of forgiveness.**

**Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive - seventy times seven. How amazing is God's love for us, and God's expectation of us.

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

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

*Borup/Liles*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Pastor Jim

**\*HYMN** I Know Whom I Have Believed verses. 1,2,3 **#493**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 114 (p.552); Romans 14:1-12 (p.1034) & Matthew 18:21-35 (p.896)

**MESSAGE** Rev. James Deters

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed **#15**

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

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** Preambalon Manualiter in FA *Magister J. Schapf*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**We honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Lord, Speak to Me **#574**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

We have observed this day to honor God.

God's promises go with us as we depart.

**God upholds us and helps us to stand.**

**We are grateful that God strengthens our faith.**

We do not live or die to ourselves.

Christ has claimed us and offered us life.

**From Christ, we have learned to forgive.**

**We have been taught to value every person.**

Let every knee bow daily before our God.  
Let every tongue give praise to the Almighty.

**God helps us turn evil into good.**

**Every day we can know God's loving presence. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE.** Italian Hymn

**#840**  
*A. Travis*

\*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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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy and catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## **Psalm 114**

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

## **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end

Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him

and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## BIRTHDAYS

9/14	Anne Wickman, Kathy Miller, Hope Swanson & Rebecca Crumb-Johnson
9/15	Mariah Zinnecker
9/16	Julie Radke & Don Kulbacki
9/17	Tony Richardson, Forrest Mann, & Melody Mann
9/18	Charlotte Servinsky
9/19	Karen Brennan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS


- Sunday School will begin with a drive-by / round up on Sunday, September 13th, beginning at 9:00 am, Kids and parents can go through our drive by the educational wing to pick up materials and meet the teacher. Then we will begin formal resumption of Sunday school classes on September 20th. if you have a registration form completed, please bring that to the drive-by on September 13th!

**Children's Chats** We are looking for volunteers to do children's chats 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.


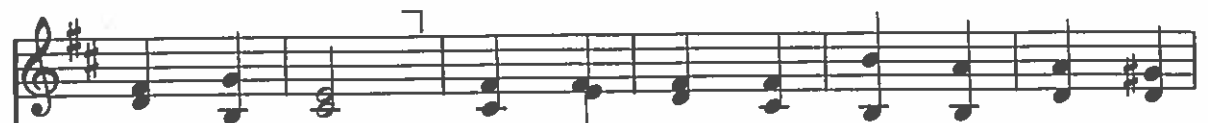
**Communications Committee** In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via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

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 26


*Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:2*





1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
 2. Praise Him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and  
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him


trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 fears he knows. In his hands he gen - tly bears us,  
 face to face. Sun and moon bow down be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



## 493 I Know Whom I Have Believed

... because I know whom I have believed . . . 2 Tim. 1:12

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he hath made known,  
 2. I know not how this sav - ing faith to me he did im - part,  
 3. I know not how the Spir - it moves, con-vinc - ing us of sin,  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor - thy, Christ in love re - deemed me for his own.  
 nor how be-liev - ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.  
 re-veal - ing Je - sus through the Word, cre - at - ing faith in him.  
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

*Refrain*

But "I know whom I have be-liev - ed, and am per-suad - ed that he is

a - ble to keep that which I've com-mit - ted un - to him a - gainst that day."



# 574 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*For none of us lives . . . alone and none of us dies . . . alone. Rom. 14:7*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that  
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839

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