

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 20th, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing *IP. Manz*

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

Call on God with praise and thanksgiving.

Tell of God's wonderful works.

Today we open ourselves to God's presence.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

When we eat, we are reminded of God's provision.

When we drink pure water, we give thanks.

Surely God has blessed us with food and drink.

Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face.

We are guided by God's laws and statutes.

We benefit from God's generosity.

Let all the people worship with joy!

Let all whom God has chosen sing together!

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Glory to your name, holy God. We rejoice in your wonderful works, in miracles you have caused among us and in the wealth you have entrusted to our stewardship. You have called us to important works in your vineyard. Wherever we go, we represent your church and interpret your ways to those who observe our words and deeds. Enfold us in your presence and give us strength and courage to pass on the light you have sent to illuminate our journey through life. We are eager to be fed by your Word today. Amen

***HYMN** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Verses 1, 2, 3, 5 *#356*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we are people of the flesh more than people of the spirit. Our lives are not worthy of the gospel of Christ. We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy benefit from your generosity. We confess our lack of attention to your laws, your living Word, your prompting Spirit. You alone are our salvation, our healing, our high opportunity to serve. We choose to belong to you. Accept and change us, we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has offered us a presence we have not recognized, bread we have ignored, and compassion we have not deserved. The food from heaven is offered to us daily, freely given to all who are open to receive it. Let us rejoice in this moment of God's amazing generosity, opening our lives to the gifts of God, that we might share them with others.

Praise God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Come to Me and Rest

Benjamin Harlan

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

#491

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (p.544); Philippians 1:21-30 (p.1069) & Matthew 20:1-16 (p.897)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

#15

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Interlude

Cesar Franck

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Receive our tithes and offerings to your honor and glory, loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure that your Word, living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with you. May we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *All Who Love and Serve Your City* Verses 1, 2, 3

#430

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

May you know joy and progress in your faith.

May this be a week of spiritual growth for you.

May Christ dwell in us and among us.

May the faith of the gospel empower us.

In all your struggles, know that Christ is with you.

In all your labors, the love of God surrounds you.

Glory be to God's holy name.

Let all who seek God be assured and rejoice.

God surprises us and provides for us.
Trust and give thanks for God's wonderful works.

There is a song on our lips and joy in our hearts.

In Christ our suffering finds meaning. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Verse 1 #708

POSTLUDE *Hymn to Joy* A. Travis

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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NICENE CREED

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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.

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

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Deborah Circle The Deborah Circle will be changing their meeting day to the 4th Monday of the month for September and October. We will be meeting, socially distanced & with masks, at 7pm, at the church. We're always looking for new members in the women's circles! Please call ahead to join, Diana 715-209-5489, or RoAnn 715-292-3893.

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O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

37-45

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

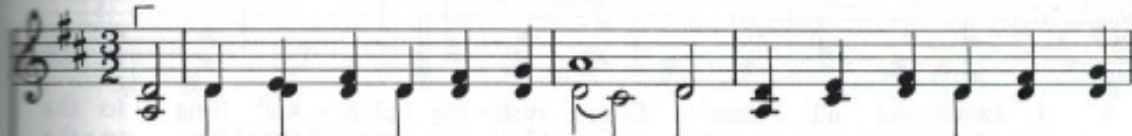
Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them,

'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

All Creatures of Our God and King 356

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10



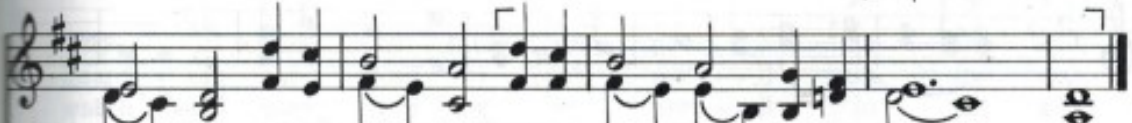
1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a-
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



sing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
long, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn in praise re-
hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and
part, sing his prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row
ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the



beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise him, O
joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
bright, that giv-est us both warmth and light, O praise him, O
bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One, O praise him, O



praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!



WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1926
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
L.M. Alleluia

491 Jesus Is All the World to Me

"I have called you friends" . . . Jn. 15:15

1. Je - sus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
 2. Je - sus is all the world to me, my friend in tri - als sore;
 3. Je - sus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;
 4. Je - sus is all the world to me, I want no bet - ter friend;

he is my strength from day to day, with - out him I would fall.
 I go to him for bless - ings, and he gives them o'er and o'er.
 O, how could I this friend de - ny, when he's so true to me?
 I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleet - ing days shall end.

When I am sad to him I go, no oth - er one can
 He sends the sun - shine and the rain, he sends the har - vest's
 Fol - low - ing him I know I'm right, he watch - es o'er me
 Beau - ti - ful life with such a friend, beau - ti - ful life that

cheer me so; when I am sad he makes me glad, he's my friend.
 gold - en grain, sun - shine and rain, har - vest of grain, he's my friend.
 day and night; fol - low - ing him by day and night, he's my friend.
 has no end; e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal joy, he's my friend.

430 All Who Love and Serve Your City

He went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. Mt. 11:1

Unison

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2. In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
 3. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 4. For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 5. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near to
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 love re - treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 word of Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."
 all who spurn him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 Judge, our Glo - ry; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

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