

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 4th, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Christ is Made the Sure Foundation D. Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing words by Robert Robinson

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who frees us invites us to worship.

The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

God is present with us, eager to speak to us.

Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

We tremble before God, yet are not afraid.

We are ready to listen to God's word.

May our awe before God be pure and enduring.

May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of your word. Remind us of your ordinances that are true and righteous altogether. May they shape our living and warn us when we are in error. We seek to honor your name, to divest ourselves of idols, to keep this day of rest and worship. Work with us to develop right-relationships in our family and with all your children near and far; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN** How Great Thou Art verses 1, 2, 3 #21

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform but do not transform us. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implications for our lives. We recognize some of our errors but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we

honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of God upon you so that you do not sin." The One who orders all worlds seeks to bring order and joyous freedom into our lives. To fear God is to open our eyes to the amazing vastness of God's dominion and to the astonishing awareness that God knows each one of us, loves us, and has a purpose for us. Let God reign among us!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Bread of Heaven Mock & Lopez

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross verses 1, 2, 4 #213

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19 (pg. 488); Philippians 3:4b-14 (p.1070) & Matthew 21:33-46 (p.899)

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 "Prelude" F. Peeters

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Ruler of all space and time, we want to be faithful stewards in your vineyard. All that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us to use well all that we here devote to the work of your church. Help us to manage well, to your honor and glory, all that we retain for ourselves. May we know heaven on earth because you hold first place in our priorities and our daily goal is to serve you. Amen.

***HYMN** Be Thou My Vision #532

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

With eyes enlightened, go forth to serve with joy.

With hearts made pure, pass on God's love.

With souls revived, we go out rejoicing.

God's law has revealed to us God's love and care.

All that we have gained is a gift from God.

What is most important is not things, but Christ.

We seek to gain Christ within the church community.

We dwell together in Christ's body, the church.

Seek the growth of this body, for Christ's sake.

Bring others to dwell here, for their sakes.

We will press on toward our heavenly call.

Our resurrection faith gives us hope. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE God of Grace

P. Manz

*All those who are able, please stand.

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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 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees
of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them
there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be
blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Philippians 3:4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of
the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent

other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds because they regarded him as a prophet.

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21 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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PRAISE TO GOD



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 213

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Descant

4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Be Thou My Vision 532

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

Unison

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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