

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE God the Almighty *Gary Davidson*

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

Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.

Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

We have come to praise God and give thanks.

We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come together that our faith might be strengthened.

We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

God's awesome deeds saved our ancestors.

Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.

God continues to deliver us in times of distress.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We rejoice that God is near and available to us.

We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Gracious God, you have invited and welcomed us to this place of worship. You draw us away from the idols we create to take your place. When we come together, we sense that there is nothing in life that can substitute for a vital relationship with you. Yet we are only dimly aware of who you are. All the mysteries of the universe are in your hands, yet you have made yourself known among the people of this earth. We catch glimpses of your works among us and are amazed. We want to meet you again today, as for the first time. Touch us. Remake us. Help us to stand firm in the faith. Amen.

***HYMN** Give to Our God, Immortal Praise verses 1, 2, 3 **#16**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with your truth. We

seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our "golden calves" bring no fulfillment. We return to you, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoicing, knowing that God is always near. Our thanksgiving and our supplications are always heard. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Find joyous focus for life in all that is honorable, just, pure, and excellent. Know that your goodwill is pleasing to God. You are chosen by God to share in the mind of Christ.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You *Jay Althouse*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling **#441**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (p.491); Philippians 4:1-9 (p.1074) & Matthew 22:1-14 (p.900)

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 Prayer for Peace *Paul Taylor*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Please sign the Friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down the row to others.

***HYMN** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart verses 1, 3, 4 **#34**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God is opening our minds to what is true.

God is filling our lives with ways that are just.

We will honor God by respecting one another.

We stand firm in the faith that God can be trusted.

God calls us to daily self-examination.

God offers us choices that lead to wholeness.

We will seek what is pure and pleasing to God.

We want to think and do what is worthy of praise.

God's plan for us is not disaster but fulfillment.
God delivers us from evil and gives us peace.

We rejoice in God, who loves us.

We are eager to live as Christ teaches us. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE To Greet the Morning

*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

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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.

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.

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen, and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and

gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

10/13 8:30 am - Stewardship Committee meeting
10/14 Noon - AA meeting in Lower Lounge
10/15 9:00 am - Bible study in Youth Room (in-person)

BIRTHDAYS

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Give to Our God Immortal Praise 16



His love endures forever. Ps. 136:1




1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; mer - cy and
2. He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the
3. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; he bids the
4. He sent His Son with power to save from guilt and
5. Through this vast world he guides our feet, and leads us



truth are all his ways: won - ders of grace to
star - ry lights on high: won - ders of grace to
moon di - rect the night: his mer - cies ev - er
dark - ness and the grave: won - ders of grace to
to his heav - enly seat: his mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure, when this our world shall be no more.



WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, para. of Ps. 136
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
L.M.

441 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

"The Teacher is here . . . and is asking for you." Jn. 11:28

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home
 par - don for you and for me.

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

34 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous. Ps. 33:1

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go;
4. Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray;

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe,
as war - riors through the dark - ness toil till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing!
Re - joice, re - joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865, alt.
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

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