

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
February 7th, 2021  
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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**MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN**

**MINI MOVIE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *P. Manz*

**CHORAL INTROIT** Jesus Loves Me (Children) *William B. Bradbury, 1862*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!

The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

**How good it is to sing praises to our God!**

**How expansive is God's understanding of us!**

The whole universe is subject to God's power.

Creation continues as the universe expands.

**God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.**

**God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.**

Sing to God with great thanksgiving.

Praise God with the best you have to offer.

**We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders.**

**We open our ears to receive God's message.**

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

Powerful God, before whom we are nothing, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *verses 1, 2, 4* **#50**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we often pretend that we don't need other**

**congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is unlimited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. Praise God!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** I Would Be True *Mark Burrows*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Pastor Jim

**\*HYMN** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love *verses 1, 3, 4*

**#436**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 40:21-31 (p. 656); 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (p. 1044) & Mark 1:29-39 (p.911)

**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** Jesus, Lead Thou On *P. Manz*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Thank you, God for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or broken-hearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** We Are God's People *verses 1, 3* **#700**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.

What you have to give will be helpful to someone.

**We pray God will open our eyes to needs around us.**

**We will look for ways to be helpful.**

God in the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us.  
Speak a healing word. Do a caring deed.

**God binds up wounds of the brokenhearted.**

**Surely God will empower our ministry.**

God strengthens the powerless and helps the weak.  
God's power will be in you when you pray.

**We shall run and not be weary.**

**We will serve in the strength God supplies. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Italian Hymn

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
make 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  
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## Isaiah 40:21-31

p. 656

**21** Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**22** It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

**23** who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

**24** Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

**25** To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

**26** Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

**27** Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

**28** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

**29** He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

**30** Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

**31** but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

p. 1044

**16** If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! **17** For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. **18** What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

**19** For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## Mark 1:29-39

p.911

**29** As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her

at once. **31** He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

**32** That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. **33** And the whole city was gathered around the door. **34** And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

**35** In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. **36** And Simon and his companions hunted for him. **37** When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." **38** He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." **39** And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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8 Lucas McKuen  
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## Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 50

*The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad . . . Ps. 97:1*

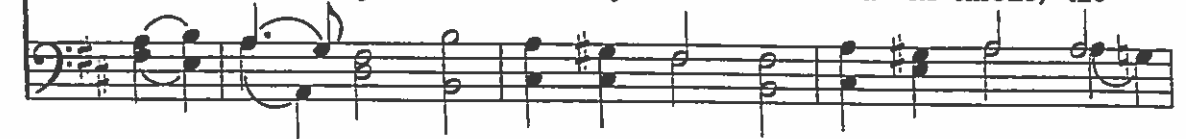
1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. What God's al-might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is  
 3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
 glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a loud the won -



sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the



ev - ery grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!



# 436 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Love each other as I have loved you. Jn. 15:12

*Refrain*

Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es the  
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing the

feet, white, love, slaves, feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them. a - way. and you. with you. with you.



# 700 We Are God's People

You are a chosen people . . . a people belonging to God. 1 Pet. 2:9

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,  
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

born of his Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our  
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now  
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he  
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O  
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: O  
 wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O  
 die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
 let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es Heaven.  
 let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.  
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.