

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 21st, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

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MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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

Welcome to the time of covenant renewal.

The God of our salvation greets us here.

**We are reminded of God's promises to us;**

**We remember the promises we have made.**

Sense the Spirit descending on us now.

Hear God's welcoming voice.

**Surely God is with us.**

**We can hear God calling our names.**

See the rainbow in the sky.

Wonder at God's steadfast love.

**All creation proclaims the wonders of God.**

**We come together to learn what God wants us to teach us.**

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Lead us in your truth this day, gracious God. We long to know your ways and to be guided by your Spirit. Direct us into that realm where your purposes govern the hearts and minds of all your children. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that are pleasing to you. We wait for you now, eager to respond to your instruction. Let nothing cut us off from you or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship but as we face the challenges of another week. Amen.

\*HYMN Baptized in Water #758

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word.**

**We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray.**

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful to the covenant, even when we forget. In mercy and steadfast love, God lifts us above the sins of our youth and the transgressions of today. Christ brings us to God that we might receive a new spirit and a good conscience. We are God's beloved children who are welcomed into God's realm right here, right now, in the midst of life.

\*GLORIA PATRI

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Guide My Feet

John Carter

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

\*HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days verses 1, 3, 5 #200

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17 (p.7); 1 Peter 3:18-22 (p.1105) & Mark 1:9-15 (p.910)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *On insert*

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Sing Praise

\*DOXOLOGY #809

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into a covenant community. Amen.**

\*HYMN In The Bulb There Is a Flower #678

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The time is fulfilled; God's reign is now.

Hear and believe the good news Christ offers.

**We are children of God, beloved and blessed.**

**We are a covenant community with a mission.**

Be open to all God wants to teach you this week.

Seek God's leading every day through Lent.

Join our Facebook group at UPCC Connection

**This is a season for renewal and recommitment.**

**We will turn to God in prayer every day.**

God will teach you and lead you in truth.

God's mercy and steadfast love will surround you.

**He will live as people of the promise.**

**We go out rejoicing in our baptism, in Christ. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Hymn to Joy

#840

\*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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## **Genesis 9:8-17**

**p.7**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

## **1 Peter 3:18-22**

**p.1105**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the

flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **Mark 1:9-15**

**p.910**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

## AFFIRMATION

We believe and confess only one God,  
who can do all things,  
is all wise, all good, all just, and all merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has  
been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the  
wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh:  
God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the  
unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit.

God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe  
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# Baptism and Child Dedication

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## 758 Baptized in Water

Those who accepted his message were baptized . . . Acts 2:41

*Unison*

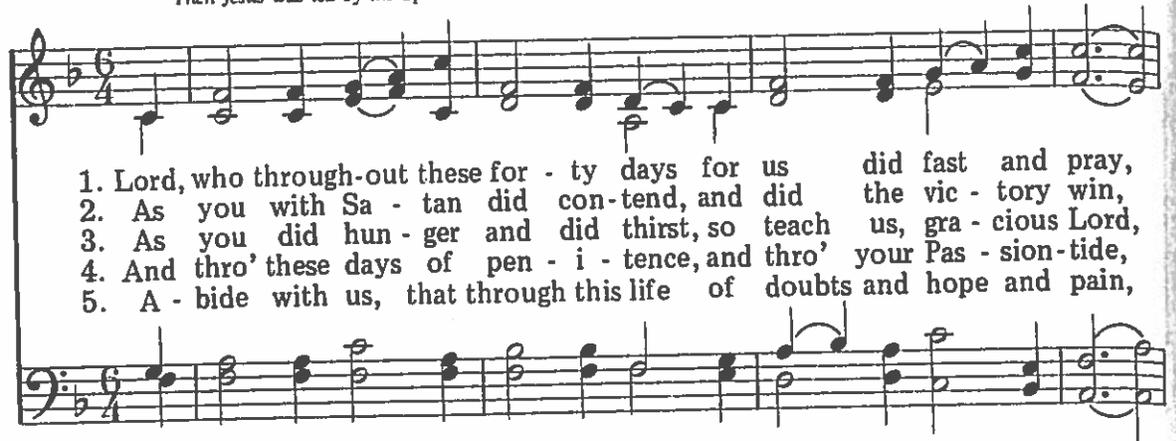
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2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion,  
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing,  
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther,

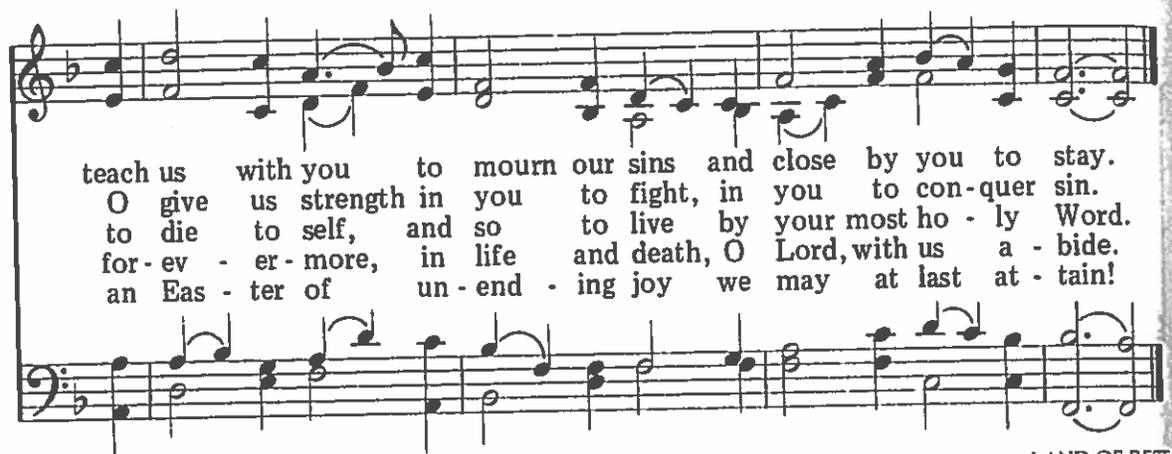
trust-ing his prom - ise, faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.  
freed and for - giv - en, thank-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.  
we are his chil - dren, joy - ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

# 200 Lord, Who Throughout

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Mt. 4:1



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic - tory win,  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your Pas - sion-tide,  
5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,



teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.  
to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly Word.  
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873, alt.  
MUSIC: American folk melody, adapt.; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

LAND OF REST  
C.M.

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 678

Listen, I tell you a mystery . . . 1 Cor. 15:51

*Unison*

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be  
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and  
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to  
 me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -  
 ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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