

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 14th, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

**MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN**

**MINI MOVIE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Partita on Jesu, meine Freude - Chorale

David M. Cherwien

**CHORAL INTROIT** Into My Heart

Harry D. Clark

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Light has entered our word, rejoice!

Light is God's gift to each and to all together.

**Give thanks to God for days of watchful care.**

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice!

Let them tell the world of God's good news!

**We will thank God for wonderful works.**

**We will rejoice in God's love for all humankind.**

By God's word we are delivered from destruction.

By God's mercy we are healed and made whole.

**Our voices will join in songs of joy.**

**Our lives will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

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

God of infinite patience, we call on you once more, knowing that you have every reason to

question our coming together. We have worshiped without expectation. We have

gathered without diligent preparation, as if meeting you laid no requirements on us. Amid

the complexities of our lives, we have forgotten to set aside times to be still before you.

Sometimes we feel as if we are bitten by snakes all week long, so we assemble here for

some relief and healing. O God, will you meet us as we are? Amen.

**\*HYMN** To God Be the Glory

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Healing God, we are sick through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done and the doubt that shows on our faces. By our self-indulgent habits, we are destroying**

ourselves and depriving others. As a church, we seem content to be dead in our trespasses, for we are afraid to embrace the changes that come with the new life you offer. We cry out to you in our trouble. Save us from our distress. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God loved the world so much that Jesus Christ was sent to show us the way to eternal life.

We are not condemned but offered saving grace. Come to the light. Let its warmth melt away our resistance to God's truth. We are re-created in Jesus Christ that we may do the good that God intends and make that goodness our way of life. Praise God!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#805

**CHORAL ANTHEM** For Love of You

John Carter

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Rev. James Deters

**\*HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us verses 1, 3, 4

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**SCRIPTURE:** Numbers 21:4-9 (p.138); Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.1064) & John 3:14-21 (p.968)

**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** On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Setting by Robert Hobby

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#809

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**For life-sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted--for shelter, food, and meaningful tasks to do; for your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our sinful ways, for your word that guides and heals us--we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all you entrust to us to further the ministries of the church, may we show to others the immeasurable riches of your grace in Jesus Christ. Make this church a beacon of hope for the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** O Love, How Deep, How Broad verses 1, 3, 6

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

God sent Jesus that the world may believe.

God sends us into the world to share that good news.

**In Christ, we are not condemned to perish.**

**Christ came to offer us abundant life.**

Let everyone see the light you have received.

Live openly as people enjoying the love of God.

**Let those whom God has redeemed say so.**

**Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love.**

We are alive together in Christ Jesus.

God offers to all the gift of eternal life, beginning now.

**By grace, we have been saved through faith.**

**We will live in the light and thus share good news. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Shine Out Today

**POSTLUDE** Rondeau

J. Mouret

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

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 Scripture; 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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## **Numbers 21:4-9**

**p.138**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,] to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

**p.1064**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## **John 3:14-21**

**p.968**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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# 72 To God Be the Glory

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Ps. 29:2

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so loved he the  
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -  
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

# 522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him . . . Jn. 10:4*

1. Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre -  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms

pare: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we  
 stray: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we  
 free: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to  
 fill: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us

are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.  
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.  
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

## O Love, How Deep, How Broad 193

... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Eph. 3:18

1. O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his  
 4. For us to e - vil power be-trayed, scourged, mocked, in

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - fu

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver-threw.  
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.

5. For us he rose from death again;  
 for us he went on high to reign;  
 for us he sent his Spirit here  
 to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.

6. All glory to our Lord and God  
 for love so deep, so high, so broad—  
 the Trinity whom we adore  
 forever and forevermore.