

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 21st, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT Into My Heart

Harry D. Clark

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming says our God:

The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.

We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

God's law will be written on our hearts.

Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

We are eager to know the God who loves us.

We are ready to learn God's instruction for us.

God offers us the joy of salvation.

Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.

We seek guidance for our daily living.

Amen.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

As Jesus offered up prayers and supplications to you, O God, we cry out to you today.

You know our losses and our fears. You understand our suffering and pain. We wish to

see Jesus, to know the healing touch felt by so many. We want to hear a reassuring

voice. We long to see a new day when evil is overcoming and wrong cannot prevail. Lift

us up and draw us to yourself as we worship in this hour. Equip us for our daily living as

we seek to be true to your covenant with us. Amen.

***HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign *verses: 1, 3, 4, 5*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are welcome into God's redeeming presence. We are children of our Creator who loves us. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus, who was obedient to God and faithful to the law of love, even in the face of the cross. Through suffering, Christ became the source of eternal salvation for us, realized when we embrace the covenant in truth and faithfulness. The burden of our sin is lifted from us. New life is ours to enjoy.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual

CHILDREN'S CHAT Jocelyn Langholz

***HYMN** Ah, Holy Jesus *verses 1, 2, 3*

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SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.721); Matthew 25:31-45 (p.904) & James 1:19-27 (p.1100)

MESSAGE All Are Welcome Here: Truth, Aspiration, or Illusion

Jocelyn Langholz

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

on insert

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Prayer Song

Paul Taylor

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. Amen.

***HYMN** Breathe on Me, Breath of God *verses 1, 2, 3*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has written the law of love within us.

We are empowered to live according to that law.

We have experienced God's presence together.

That presence will sustain us as we scatter.

God's wisdom has been planted in our hearts.

It is different from the wisdom of this world.

We dare to live as forgiven and forgiving sinners.

We risk showing love to those who seem unlovable.

We are people of God, accepted and loved.

We are followers of Christ, commissioned for service.

Where Christ leads, we will follow.

Where our service is needed, we will go.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Shine Out Today

POSTLUDE Rejoice! Be Glad!

*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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AFFIRMATION

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
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even death on a cross.
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Phil. 2:5-11

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

p.721

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Matthew 25:31-45

p.904

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. **34** Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ **37** Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ **40** And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ **41** Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed,

depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; **42** for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ **44** Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ **45** Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

James 1:19-27

p. 1100

1 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; **20** for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. **21** Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. **23** For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; **24** for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. **25** But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

ACTIVITIES

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Spiritual Conflict and Victory

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Jesus Shall Reign 745

All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. Ps. 72:11

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and end - less
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - oners
5. Let all the peo - ple rise and bring their spe - cial

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blessed.
songs a - gain and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

Ah, Holy Jesus 231

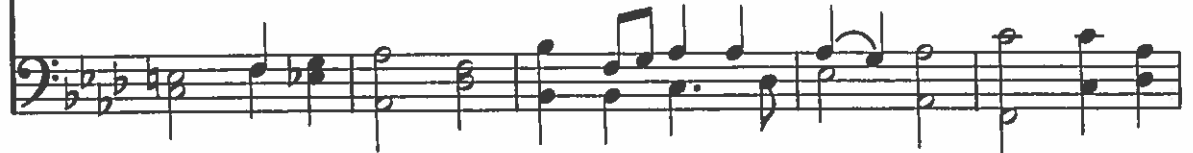
He was despised, and we esteemed him not. Is. 53:3



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you?
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion,
4. There - fore, dear Je - sus, since I can - not pay you,



that mor - tal judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de -
 It is my trea - son, Lord, that has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lord
 your mor - tal sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, your death of
 I do a - dore you, and will ev - er pray you, think on your



rid - ed, by your own re - lect - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
 an - guish and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



WORDS: Johann Heermann, 1630; para. of Jean de Fécamp, 11th C.;
 tr. (English) Robert Bridges, 1899, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1640

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Christ's Suffering and Ours 232

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we pray you, regard with divine pity the pains of all your children, and grant that the passion of our Lord and his infinite merits may make fruitful for good the miseries of the innocent, the sufferings of the sick, and the sorrows of the bereaved; through him who suffered in our flesh and died for our sake, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scottish Prayer Book

295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.