

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 11th, 2021

1st Sunday after Easter

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Love Lifted Me

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

CHORAL INTROIT Alive, Alive

Don Marsh

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Life has been revealed to us as Easter People.

Gather once more to testify to life.

We declare to each other what we have experienced.

In community we find the life God intends.

Early believers were of one heart and soul.

We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

How very good and pleasant it is

When kindred live together in unity.

Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.

Christ is with us to renew our faith.

We are here to testify to God's grace.

We will share our story and ourselves.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious God, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. You have given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen your greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our presence here. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in our conversation and in our prayers. May our thoughts center on the message that light has come to chase away the shadows, community has been born to remove our isolation, joy has been heaped upon us that we might share it with the world. Amen.

***HYMN** Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven *verses 1, 3, 4*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John wrote to the early church: If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive us. Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sin. When we are of one with God through Christ, we extend forgiveness to our sisters and brothers that all may come to faith and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Awesome God (video of children)

Rich Mullins

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

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

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SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35 (p.995); Psalm 133 (p.563); & John 20:19-31 (p.989)

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 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

arr. Matthew McConnell

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

***HYMN** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing *verses 1, 3, 4*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

You are sent into the world as a sign of God's love.

Go forth, carrying God's peace to all you meet.

**We will live in unity with our kindred;
We will listen and speak as God guides us.**

You are commissioned as a bearer of God's forgiveness.
Announce good news, share your testimony.

It will be our joy to reconcile others to God.

We will extend to them the fellowship of light.

The grace of Jesus Christ has been poured out on you.
God ordains a blessing for you; life forevermore.

Our fears are unlocked; our faith is renewed.

We will invite our neighbors to share the joy. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Christ the Lord Has Risen

*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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AFFIRMATION

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Acts 4:32-35

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Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

p.563

How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing,

life forevermore.

John 20:19-31

p.989

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ACTIVITIES

4/13 8:15 am Virtual Stewardship meeting
3:00 pm Virtual Facilities & Grounds meeting

BIRTHDAYS

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12 Paula Moyer
13 Brian Zifko & Sheri Bokenyi
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Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 254

... so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death. Heb. 2:14



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
2. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove:
4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!



255 Good Christians All, Rejoice

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection . . . Acts 4:33

1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2. The Lord of life is risen to - day; death's might - y stone is
 3. We praise in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life, which
 4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way: let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Descant *Refrain*

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

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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.