

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 8th, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

D. Cherwien

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

God awakens us and restores our souls.

Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.

We are invited to a high quality of life.

We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.

God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

Come to drink from springs of living water.

Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

Surely God will guide our search for truth.

We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways, yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in large issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.

***HYMN** Sing Praise to the Lord

#346

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand,

there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers, O God, do you hear us? Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the silence, there is presence too deep for words. The works of God surround us even now, bearing witness to an unseen hand. Multitudes of people from every nation and time join in chorus: "Salvation belongs to our God!" The shepherd will guide us to springs of living water, and our tears will be wiped away. We are freed to live boldly and courageously, through Christ!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

CHORAL ANTHEM One Step He Leads

Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** We Will Glorify

#118

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (p.491) & John 10:22-30 (p.978)

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 Beautiful Savior

D. Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purpose among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** Now I Belong to Jesus

#503

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go forward from this place as praying, caring people.
Let good works and charity abound.

We believe God calls us to make a difference.

God wants us to change the world.

Your deeds bear witness to God's love.

Others will believe because of your faith.

We trust the shepherd to lead and guide us.

We look to God for the strength we need.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us.

Our eternal home is part of us right now.

God's salvation has come to us. Alleluia!

We will praise and honor our god forever and ever.

Amen. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

#840

POSTLUDE Hornpipe

G.F. Handel / arr. David Johnson

*All those who are able, please stand.

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United Presbyterian/Congregational Church

214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

We, the Session of the United Presbyterian & Congregational Church believe that one way to show love & respect for others is to help prevent the spread of diseases, including COVID. We encourage everyone to find joy in small actions: wear masks, practice social distancing, get fully vaccinated if you are able.

Thank you.

Psalm 23

p.491

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

John 10:22-30

p.978

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

2022 Confirmation Class Joint Statement of Faith

I believe in God. I believe I am always loved by God.

I see God in the world around us, like seeing the beautiful animals and trees. I believe that God created the rules of the universe. When I need help, I can turn to God. God can help us in times of need or when we are praying. I also believe that God can sometimes bend the rules of the universe to help us.

I believe that Jesus came down to earth and died for us so we could all go to heaven. I believe that he was the son of God and that he also had a little part of God. Jesus is the purest form of love.

The Bible can teach us to become better people and that we are limited to who we are right now. Everybody's sins can be forgiven and do not need to hold us back. God will always forgive our sins.

God put each of us in this life for a reason and gives us purpose. I believe God will help me follow my dreams and accomplish my goals.

I believe everybody is welcome in the church no matter how they act, what they look like, or what they believe. We accept people as they are and remember that we are all still humans.

I can see God in people and what the people in my family have done for people that don't even know. I believe that you should respect anyone's beliefs, whether you like them or not, and that you should treat them equally as your best friend.

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ACTIVITIES

- 5 / 8 We celebrate our confirmands today!
- 5/9 5:15 pm Yoga class in education wing
- 5/10 8:30 am Stewardship meeting
4:30 pm Facilities & Grounds meeting
- 5/11 10:30 am-12:30 pm - 6-week Grief Support Group meets in dining room
Noon: AA meeting in lower lounge
6:30-7:30 pm L..I.F.E. - High school youth meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran church
7:00 pm Chimes Practice

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Evan Kauppila
- 9 Alexander Pechacek-Duffy
- 11 Finnegan Walworth
- 12 Corrina Roman
- 13 Olivia Helen Eilo, Susan Noskoviak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Offering

This offering has been an annual tradition with Presbyterian Women since 1922, when women were asked to give a penny for each year of their age, or they could give a dollar if they didn't want their age known. Money values have changed over the last 100 years but the need has grown. This year two grants will be given, one to renovate a dwelling for the homeless in Maine, and the other to update kitchen facilities in Puerto Rico that provide food, water and personal items to people in the community. The offering will be held during April and early May. Yellow envelopes are in the pew racks for your consideration. Thank you.

Plant & Bake Sale

Save the date of Saturday, June 4th for the perennial plant/house plant sale, along with a bake sale and coffee café, sponsored by the Women's Association, with proceeds to go to the kitchen fund. This will be held in the Education wing from 10 to 1 p.m. The church will be open for drop-offs Fri. June 3rd from 9 – noon and 5-7 p.m., or early Sat. morning. Use Third St. entrance to the Education building to bring your plants in pots marked as to variety. Baked goods can also be dropped off then, as well as on Saturday. Then come to the sale, find some new plants, and have a cup of coffee.

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to info@upcchurch.org.

Please Note the Insert on Isolation & Quarantine for Non-Healthcare Staff Information Insert that has been provided to us by Carrie Hunt-Wartman RN,BAN,CLS; Ashland County Health & Human Services; 630 Sanborn Ave., Ashland, Wisconsin; 715-682-7028 ext 222

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Sing Praise to the Lord 346

Praise the Lord. Sing . . . his praise in the assembly of the saints. Ps. 149:1

Descant

4. For this is God's word: his saints shall not fail, but o - ver the

1. Sing praise to the Lord; come, sing a new song. A - mid all his
 2. With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim, with danc - ing and
 3. In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the Lord. With songs in the
 4. For this is God's word: his saints shall not fail, but o - ver the

earth their power shall pre - vail, All king - doms and na - tions shall

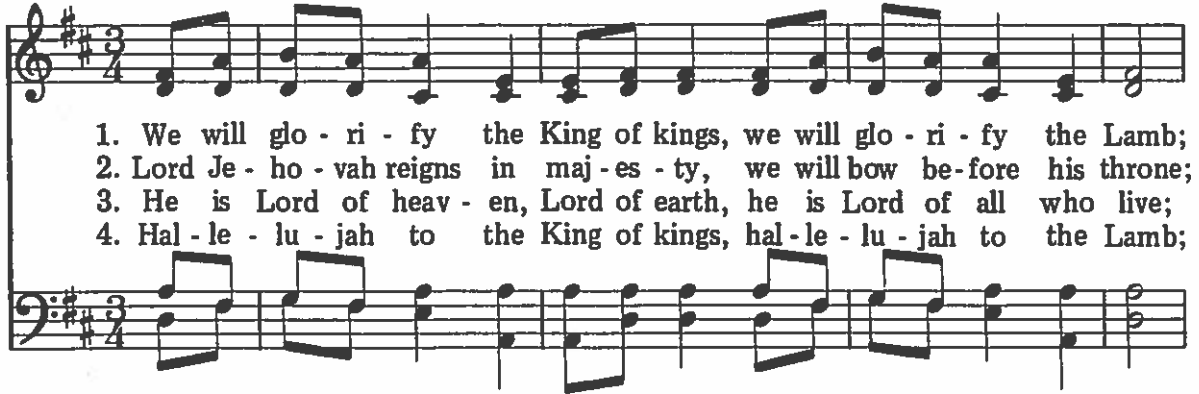
saints his prais - es pro - long. The praise of their Mak - er his
 song give praise to his name. For God in his peo - ple his
 night high prais - es re - cord. Go forth in his ser - vice, be
 earth their power shall pre - vail. All king - doms and na - tions shall

yield to their sword— thus God shows his glo - ry; sing praise to the Lord!

peo - ple shall sing, and chil - dren of Zi - on re - joice in their King.
 pleas - ure will seek; with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
 strong in his might to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 yield to their sword— thus God shows his glo - ry; sing praise to the Lord!

We Will Glorify 118

Let the Lord be glorified. Is. 66:5



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne;
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;



we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
we will wor - ship him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

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WE WILL GLORIFY
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REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

503 Now I Belong to Jesus

Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Rom. 14:8

1. Je - sus my Lord will love me for - ev - er, from him no power of
2. Once I was lost in sin's deg - ra - da - tion; Je - sus came down to
3. Joy floods my soul for Je - sus has saved me, freed me from sin that

e - vil can sev - er; he gave his life to ran - som my soul,
bring me sal - va - tion, lift - ed me up from sor - row and shame;
long had en - slav - ed me; his pre - cious blood he gave to re - deem -

Refrain

now I be - long to him. Now I be - long to Je - sus, Je - sus be - longs to

me, not for the years of time a - lone, but for e - ter - ni - ty.