UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 19th, 2022 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE God of Our Fathers

George Warren

Joseph Deters, Trumpet

GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.

God seldom comes as an earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.

Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God, our refuge, and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen.

*HYMN This Is My Father's World

#384

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to

your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. Where we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we want to be helped, God is ready to pardon us and equip us for new life.

Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness. Enemies can become friends. We can grow in faith and love. God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts. Praise God!

*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

*HYMN Faith of Our Fathers #692

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:19-28 (p.490) & Luke 8:26-39 (p.942)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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#805

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Father, We Praise You

Todd Kendall

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of all times and places, may our offerings reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purposes. May the programs we undertake build up the body of Christ among us and far beyondus. Amen.

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*HYMN | Then Shall Live

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has come quickly to aid and instruct us.

Now we depart to help others and to listen to them.

We will share our stories with the congregation.

We will witness in God's name to one another.

God's family includes those outside the church.

With God, there are no outsiders or insiders.

We will carry the grace of God without distinction.

God's abundant steadfast love will sustain us.

Daily God asks, "What are you doing here?"

Moment by moment, God is with us to help us.

We will hope in God and sing God's praises. We will look up with hope and confidence.

Amen. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You POSTLUDE Enter His Courts With Praise!

#840 Adam Mason

*All those who are able, please stand.

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214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am

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Covid Statement:

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.

Luke 8:26-39

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor_[] shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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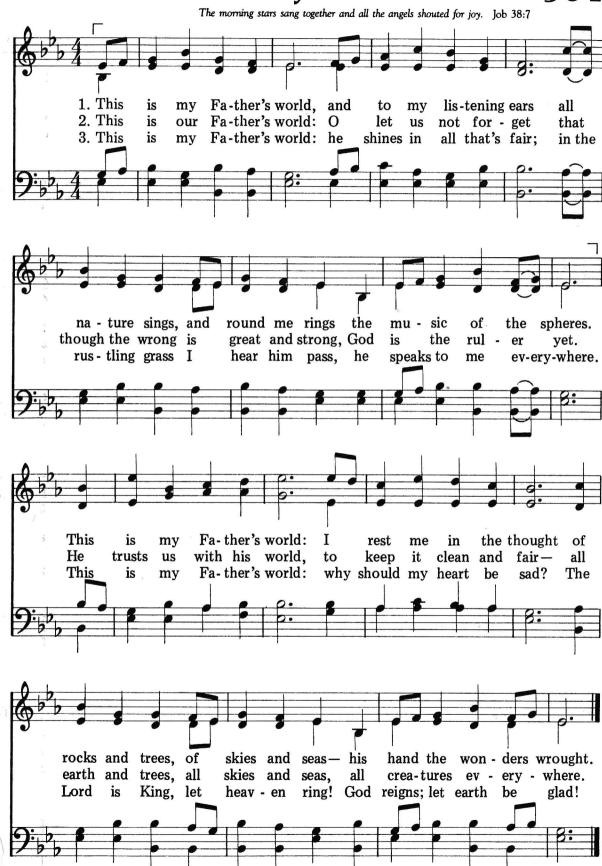
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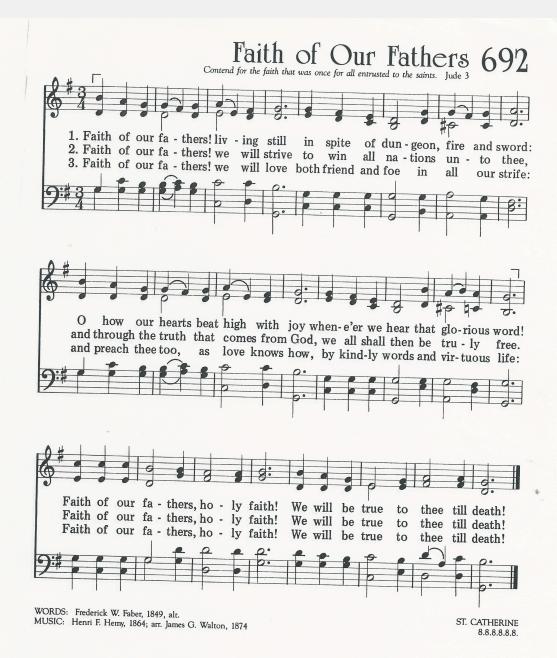
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"Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it." Lk. 17:33

