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

July 31st, 2022 8th Sunday after Pentecost

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE To God Be The Glory

Arr. by Garrett Parker

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;

God is calling us; God has called us together.

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God is eager to put loving arms around us.

God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

God fills the hungry with good things.

Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.

Set your minds on things that are above.

Put to death your earthly disobedience.

God leads us to a new identity, to new life.

We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen.

***HYMN** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#108

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem

easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves to accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation to joyous involvement in our Creator's "wonderful works to humankind."

*GLORIA PATRI #805

CHILDREN'S CHAT Sally MacGregor

*HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your Love #436

SCRIPTURE Psalm 25: 1-10 (p.492) & Luke 10:25-37 (p.946)

MESSAGE Who is my neighbor?" Andrew MacGregor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH On insert

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY They'll Know We Are Christians

Arr. by Michael Thomas

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess to cause far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "large barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine

#721

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has made us rich in so many ways.

Now let us go out to find new ways to be rich toward God.

Let us show our thanks for God's steadfast love.

Praise God for wonderful works to humankind.

We are being renewed in the image of our Creator.

We differ in many ways, but Christ is all and in all.

We have been raised with Christ above earth's deceits.

We will set our minds on learning God's will for us.

God will take us up in loving arms when needed.

By God's kindness, we will be taught to walk.

We look to God for healing and renewed strength.

We seek to walk in the straight ways where God leads.

Amen. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You

#840

POSTLUDE Grand Toccata

Gerald Peterson

*All those who are able, please stand.

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PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

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.

Psalm 25: 1-10

p.492

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant

Luke 10: 25-37

p.946

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

AFFIRMATION

We believe and confess only one God,

who can do all things,

is all-wise, all-good,

all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh:

God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith

by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God

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ACTIVITIES

8/1 Pastor Jim out of office today8/2 Pastor Jim out of office today

8/3 Pastor Jim at nursing homes today

Noon: AA meeting in lower lounge

6 pm Earth Care Committee meeting via Zoom

BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Jenna Vernon & Sharon Hammond

8/4 Julie Whiting, Marshall Swanson & Nicole Erickson

8/5 Mark Brown

8/6 Stephanie Leslie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 <u>info@upcchurch.org.</u>

Read through the Bible in a Year:

Aug 1	Num. 15, 16	Mark 6:1-29
Aug 2	Num. 17, 18, 19	Mark 6:30-56
Aug 3	Num. 20, 21, 22	Mark 7:1-13
Aug 4	Num. 23, 24, 25	Mark 7:14-37
Aug 5	Num. 26, 27	Mark 8:1-21
Aug 6	Num. 28, 29, 30	Mark 8:22-38
Aug 7	Num. 31, 32, 33	Mark 9:1-29
Aug 8	Num. 34, 35, 36	Mark 9:30-50
Aug 9	Deut. 1, 2	Mark 10:1-31
Aug 10	Deut. 3, 4	Mark 10:32-52
Aug 11	Deut. 5, 6, 7	Mark 11:1-18
Aug 12	Deut. 8, 9, 10	Mark 11:19-33
Aug 13	Deut. 11, 12, 13	Mark 12:1-27
Aug 14	Deut. 14, 15, 16	Mark 12:28-44
Aug 15	Deut. 17, 18, 19	Mark 13:1-20
Aug 16	Deut. 20, 21, 22	Mark 13:21-37
Aug 17	Deut. 23, 24, 25	Mark 14:1-26
Aug 18	Deut. 26, 27	Mark 14:27-53
Aug 19	Deut. 28, 29	Mark 14:54-72
Aug 20	Deut. 30, 31	Mark 15:1-25
Aug 21	Deut. 32, 33, 34	Mark 15:26-47
Aug 22	Josh. 1, 2, 3	Mark 16
Aug 23	Josh. 4, 5, 6	Luke 1:1-20
Aug 24	Josh. 7, 8, 9	Luke 1:21-38
Aug 25	Josh. 10, 11, 12	Luke 1:39-56
Aug 26	Josh. 13, 14, 15	Luke 1:57-80
Aug 27	Josh. 16, 17, 18	Luke 2:1-24
Aug 28	Josh. 19, 20, 21	Luke 2:25-52
Aug 29	Josh. 22, 23, 24	Luke 3
Aug 30	Judg. 1, 2, 3	Luke 4:1-30
Aug 31	Judg. 4, 5, 6	Luke 4:31-44

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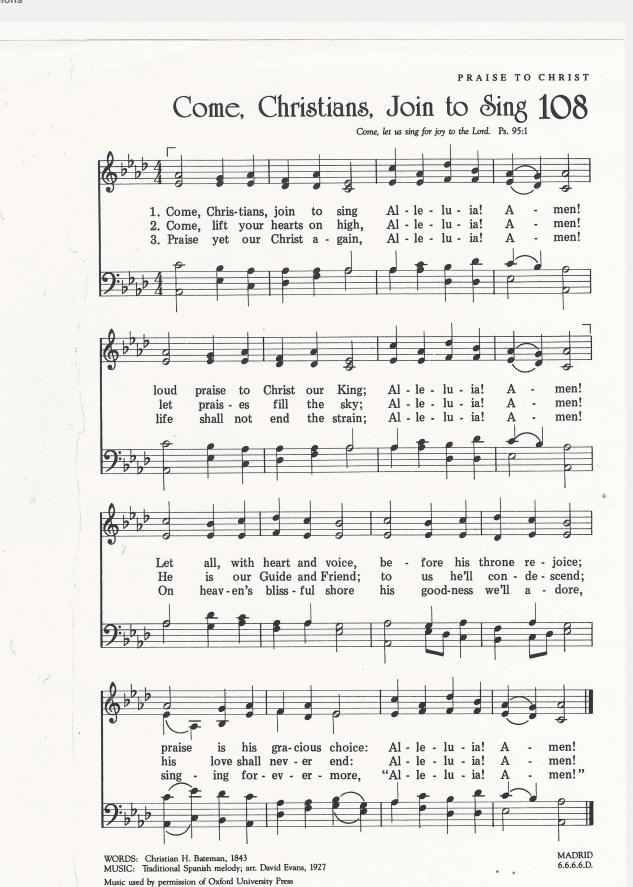
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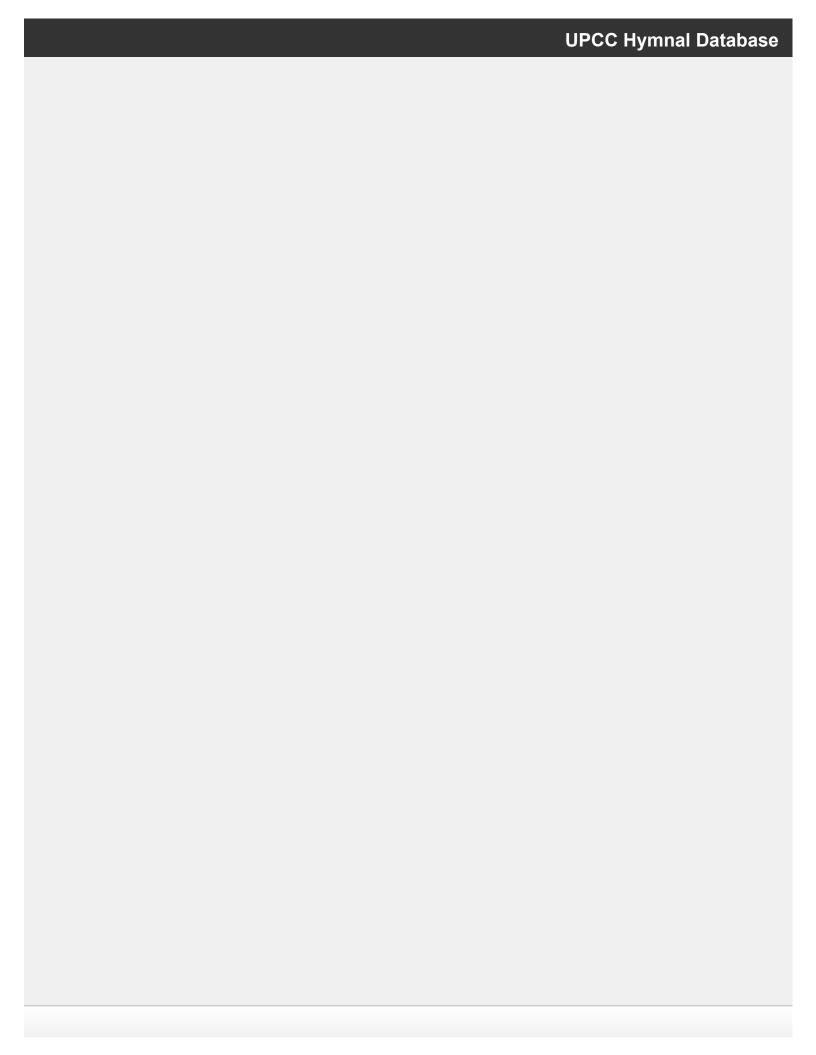
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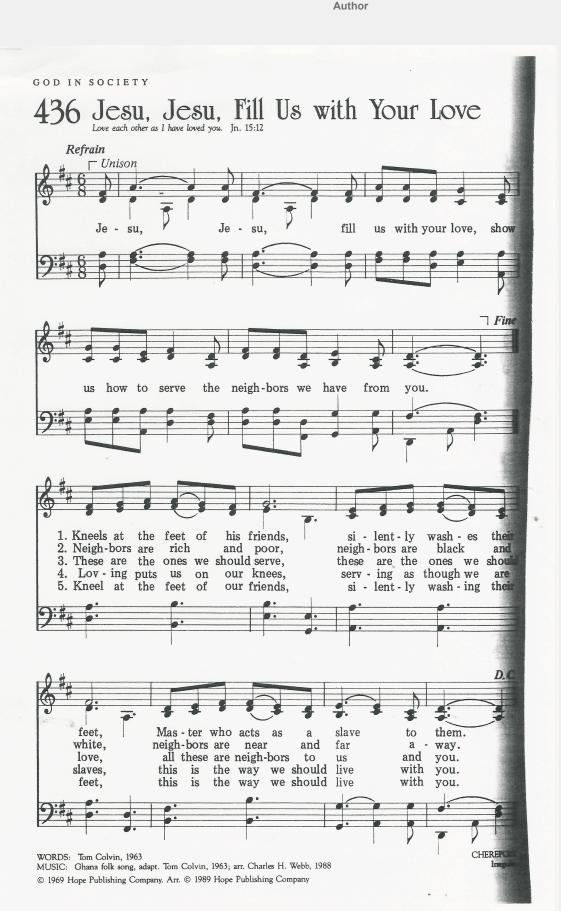


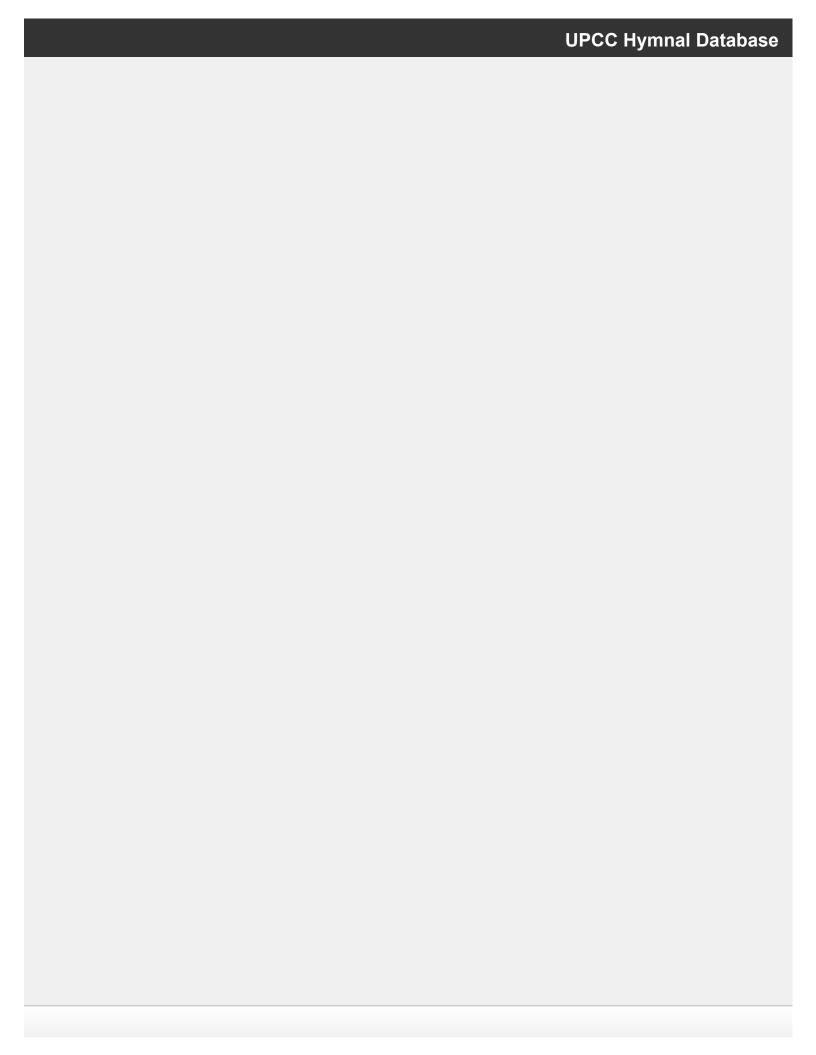


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