

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
August 7th 2022
9th Sunday after Pentecost

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken *Arr. Fred Bock*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather before God, people of the Promise.

Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

God has called us to this place.

We believe God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

We come as willing and faithful servants.

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.

God calls us as workers for justice.

God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

We are here to be equipped for ministry.

We expect to be empowered for our service.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

For the rich heritage we have received from your hand, we are grateful, O God. You have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds. Now we come together awaiting further instructions from your Word. Teach us here what we need to know in order to live faithfully in this troubled world. Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine, life-changing encounter with you. Amen.

***HYMN** My Lord! What a Morning #279

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of

compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Wash yourselves until you are clean. Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, turn from evil to do good. As you share in God's agenda, your sins of scarlet become as pure as new-fallen snow. God is pleased to welcome you into that realm where all are blessed and where true treasures can be found.

***GLORIA PATRI** #805

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Take Time to Be Holy #540

SCRIPTURE Numbers 22:21-41 (p.140)

MESSAGE Through the Bible in a Year Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH On insert

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Andante (from A Symphony of Spirituals) Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern. We are finding a homeland in your service and we are grateful. Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** If My People's Heart Are Humbled #719

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Enter your everyday world dressed for action.

Let your lamps of faith light up the world.

We are ready to meet God at home and at work.

We are ready to serve wherever we are.

God, whose Word prepared vast worlds beyond our knowing,

Welcomes us as covenant partners in this world.

Direct our steps, O God, and we will obey.

We respond to your promises in faith and trust.

Work for justice and peace where you live.

Let your prayers embrace those in need.

God is our assurance and our peace.

God is the light along our way.

Amen. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Blest Be The Tie That Binds Verse 1 **#708**

POSTLUDE Festive March G.F. Handel/Arr. G. Martin

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am

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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.

22 God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. 24 Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. 25 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. 26 Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" 29 Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" 30 But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. 32 The angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse^[a] before me. 33 The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." 34 Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were

standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." 35 The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at Ir-moab, on the boundary formed by the Arnon, at the farthest point of the boundary. 37 Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?" 38 Balaam said to Balak, "I have come to you now, but do I have power to say just anything? The word God puts in my mouth, that is what I must say." 39 Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth. 40 Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep and sent them to Balaam and to the officials who were with him.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
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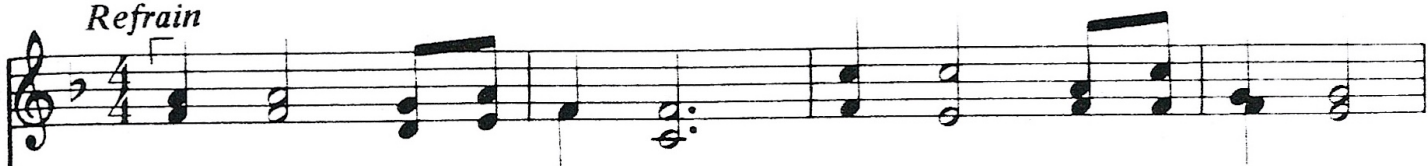
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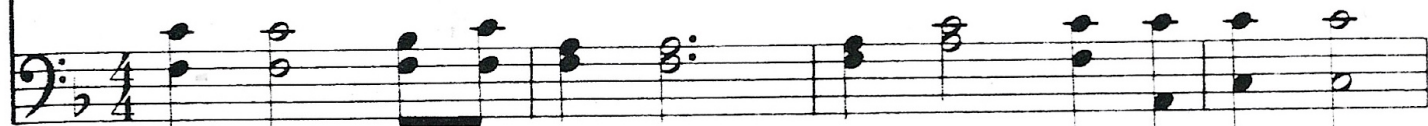
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I watched as he opened the sixth seal . . . and the stars in the sky fell to earth. Rev. 6:12-13

Refrain



My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;



O, my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



1. *You'll hear the trum-pet sound to wake the na - tions un - der-ground,



look - ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.



* 2. You'll hear the sinner cry.

* 3. You'll hear the Christian shout.

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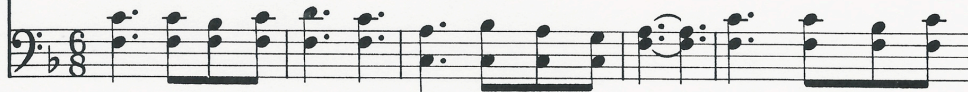
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ASPIRATION AND RESOLVE

Take Time to Be Holy 540*Live in peace . . . and be holy. Heb. 12:14*

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be -
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each



al - ways, and feed on his Word. Make friends of God's chil - dren;
 se - cret with Je - sus a - lone; by look - ing to Je - sus,
 fore him what - ev - er be - tide; in joy or in sor - row
 mo - tive be - neath his con - trol; thus led by his Spir - it



help those who are weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 still fol - low thy Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.
 to foun - tains of love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.



WORDS: William D. Longstaff, 1882
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

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Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

. . . Dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.

Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-11

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If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

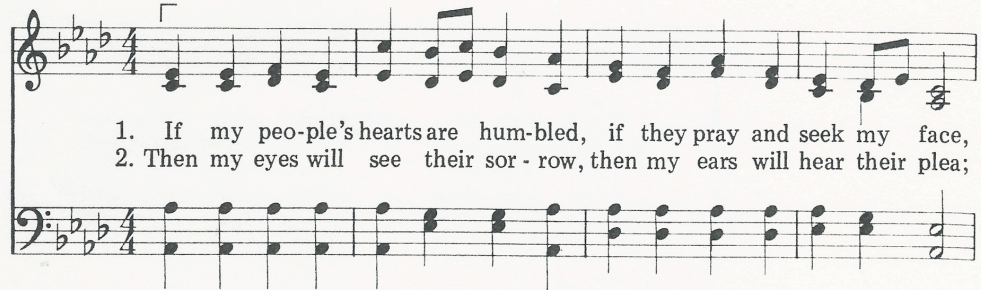
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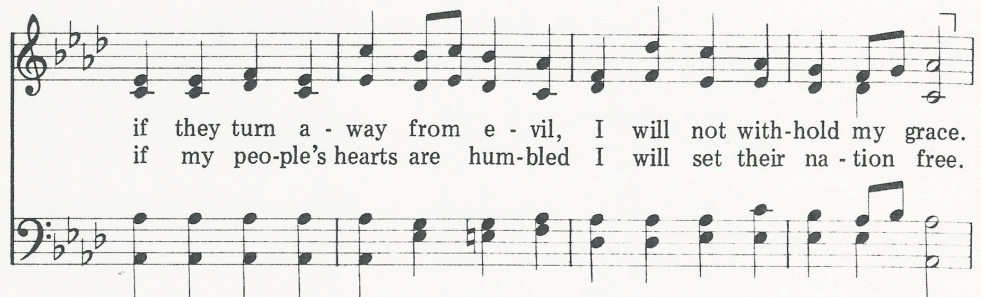
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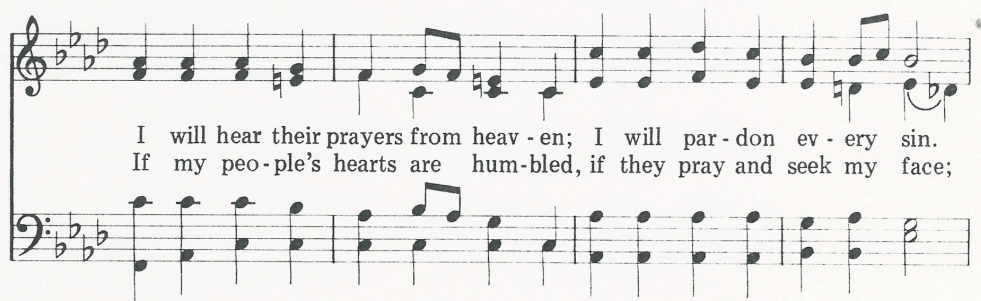
If my people . . . will humble themselves and pray . . . then I will hear from heaven. 2 Chr. 7:14



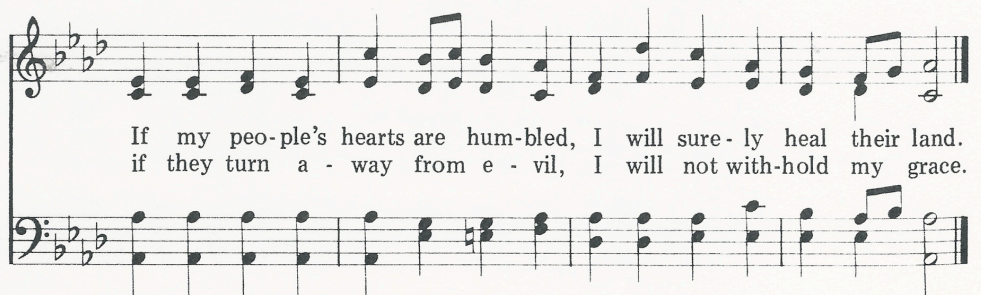
1. If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and seek my face,
2. Then my eyes will see their sor-row, then my ears will hear their plea;



if they turn a-way from e-vil, I will not with-hold my grace.
if my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled I will set their na-tion free.



I will hear their prayers from heav-en; I will par-don ev-ery sin.
If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and seek my face;



If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, I will sure-ly heal their land.
if they turn a-way from e-vil, I will not with-hold my grace.

WORDS: Claire Cloninger, 1986; based on 2 Chronicles 7:14

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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