

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 20th, 2022

Reign of Christ

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### LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

**PRELUDE** Now Thank We All Our God

David Hegarty

**CHORAL INTROIT** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Glaser

**GREETING** L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people of faith and hope.

God has looked on us with great favor.

**God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.**

**God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.**

God gives light to those who live in the shadows.

God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

**We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.**

**We are eager to give our best to God in return**

By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.

God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

**Praise God for signs and wonders all around us.**

**Praise God for peace and reconciliation.**

**MORNING PRAYER** (read by Lay Reader)

We worship you with gladness, O God our shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. You have sent a mighty Savior, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your Spirit now to remind us of your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ by the way we live every day. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#381

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Many times you have rescued us, O God. Yet we continue to wander away from your vision for us. We claim to be followers of Jesus, but we do not speak up when he is mocked. We do not respond when he summons us from the perilous byways we have chosen. Our words and deeds deny the faith we proclaim. God of all nations, deliver us from misplaced loyalties and unacknowledged sin. Forgive our foolish ways. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ has claimed for us God's forgiveness and restoration to full partnership.

Christ's promises are for today as well as for unknown tomorrows. We have been rescued from enemy hands so that we might serve God without fear. We are citizens of God's realm, where Jesus reigns in the triumphant power of love. Give joyful thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#805

**CHORAL ANTHEM** I Will Sing Praise

M.S. Barnhouse, III

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Rev. Ernie Bliss

**\*HYMN** We Gather Together

#376

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Paul Van Pernis

**SCRIPTURE** Ezra chapter 3 (p.416)

**MESSAGE** Rev. Ernie Bliss

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*On insert*

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

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** Simple Gifts

Gregg Sewell

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#809

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** Let All Things Now Living

#53

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Step out into the light that God will provide.

Receive the strength of Christ's glorious power.

**God is our refuge and strength, our help in trouble.**

**Christ is our Savior, who welcomes us to God's realm.**

Rejoice in the tender mercy of our God.

Give thanks for the one who demonstrated God's love.

**God has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.**

**Christ has prepared the way for us to go.**

Be still and know that God is God.  
Let the good shepherd lead you day by day.

**We will not fear or be dismayed.**

**We are being recreated in the church of Jesus Christ.**

Amen. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Blest Be the Tie That Binds *verse 1*

**#708**

**POSTLUDE** Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

*D. Paxton*

\*All those who are able, please stand.

**PULPIT SUPPLY** Rev. Ernie Bliss

**ORGANIST** Nancy Dufek

**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Diana Mann

**LAY READER** Myra Bliss

**USHERS** Jan Tomlinson, Julia Waggoner & Jim Fridsma

**COFFEE HOUR** Cheryl & Bob Drevlow

**VMIX** Lynn Adams **SOUND** Joseph Deters

**PRODUCTION** Lynn Adams

**TECH SUPPORT** Ernie Bliss

**Church office hours** Monday--Friday from 8:15 a.m. to noon

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Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, and aids for the hearing impaired are available, as are a nursery and children's room for families who need a quiet space for babies and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Website:** <https://upccchurch.org>

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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*

## Ezra: Chapter 3

p.416

When the seventh month came and the Israelites were in their towns, the people gathered together as one in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua son of Jozadak with his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. They set up the altar on its foundation because they were in dread of the people of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the Lord, morning and evening. And they kept the Festival of Booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the sacred festivals of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia.

In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites from twenty years old and up to have the oversight of the work on the house of the Lord. And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah, along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God.

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord because the foundation of the house of the Lord had been laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

## **AFFIRMATION**

Christ suffered for you,  
leaving you an example,  
so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
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**1 Pet. 2:21-25**

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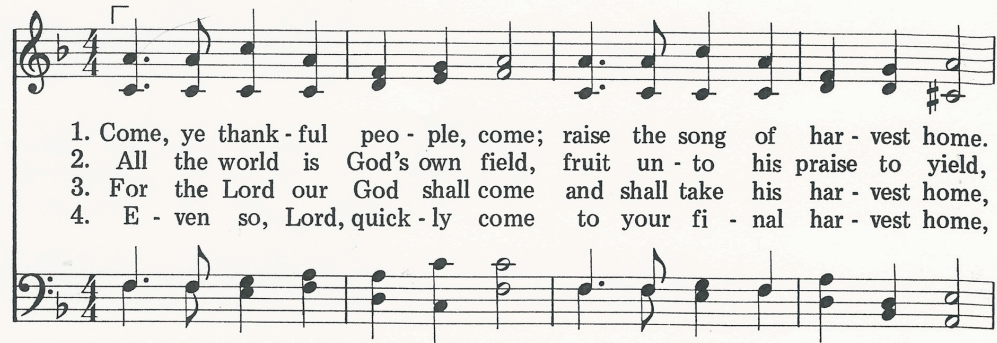
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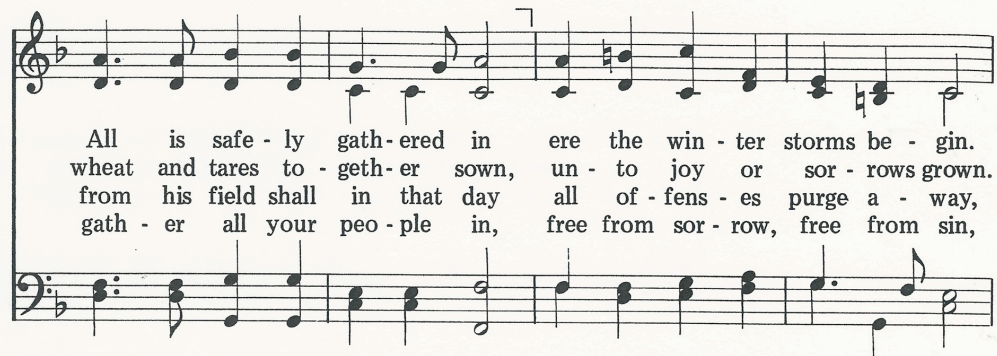
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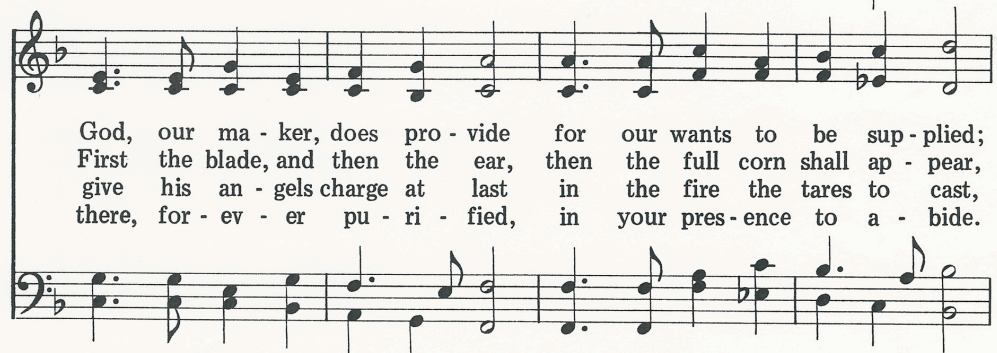
## 381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Mt. 13:39*


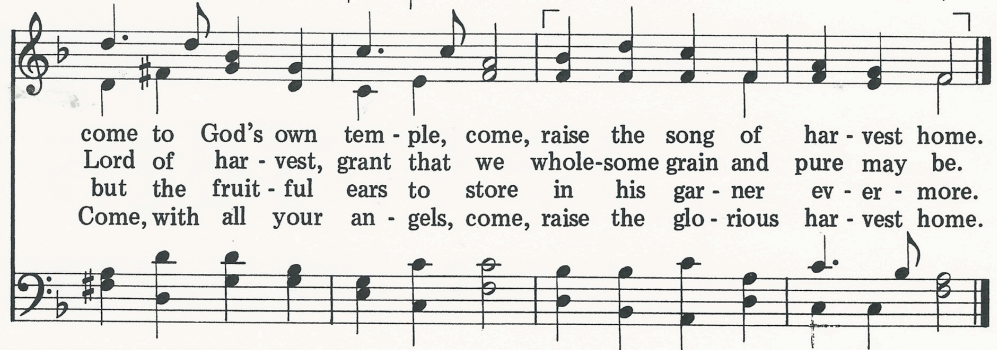
1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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We Gather Together

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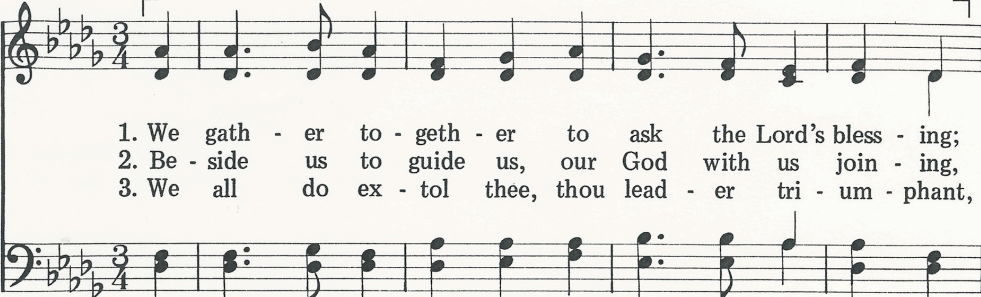
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## GOD IN CREATION

## 376 We Gather Together

*If God is for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31*


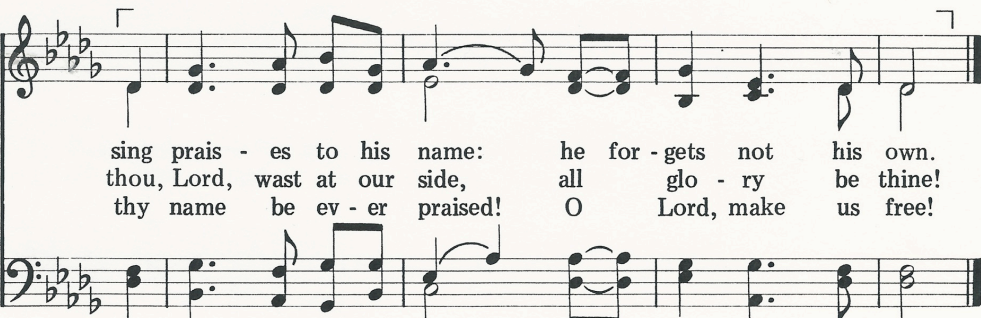
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be;



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his name: he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

WORDS: Netherlands folk hymn; tr. Theodore Baker, 1917  
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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# 53 Let All Things Now Living

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Ps. 150:6

Descant

2. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ 0

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. His law he en - forc - es the stars in their cours - es and

sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the deeps of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro -

GOD THE CREATOR

claim him di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -  
claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

raise. Ah,

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise, till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!