

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
January 22nd, 2023  
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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**LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*L. Smith*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

**Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.**

**Our losses seem greater than we can bear.**

God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

**Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.**

**We come now, seeking God's face.**

Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

**We will sing and make melody to God.**

**We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.**

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

Shine on us today, gracious God, for we need the light and salvation you offer. Come to each one gathered here and to all who are a part of this community of faith. Come to our city, our nation, our world, to still the quarrels and dissolve the enmity among us. Come with good news of health and wholeness for everyone. Do not cast us off, do not forsake us, O God of our salvation. Amen.

**\*HYMN** God Will Take Care of You

**#619**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we**

**have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves so that we may enjoy your realm. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is good news of forgiveness and healing to be shared. Let's do it.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Hold On To Me - Soloist, Heather Hudak

*Lauren Daigle*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Rev. James Deters

**\*HYMN** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**#190**

**SCRIPTURE** Job 19:1-15 (p.458)

**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** Meditation on Abide with Me

*C. Callahan*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** Just a Closer Walk with Thee

**#561**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

People of light, turn to face anew week.

People of joy, enter your daily routines empowered.

**God is our light and our salvation.**

**We will not be afraid to live our joy.**

People of unity, seek to overcome divisions.

People of commitment, dare to follow Jesus.

**Christ is our example and our leader.**

**We will care enough to fish for people.**

God is gracious to us and blesses us.

We are being saved by the power of God.

God offers us life in the heavenly realm.

We can begin to experience it here and now. Amen. Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You

#840

POSTLUDE Spirituoso

A. Scarlatti/Arr. K. Norris

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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**COFFEE HOSTS** Julie & Jack Coy

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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*

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## Job 19:1-15

(p.458)

19 Then Job answered:

2 “How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?

3 These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me?

4 And even if it is true that I have erred, my error remains with me.

5 If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my humiliation an argument against me,

6 know then that God has put me in the wrong and closed his net around me.

7 Even when I cry out, ‘Violence!’ I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice.

8 He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.

9 He has stripped my glory from me and taken the crown from my head.

10 He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone; he has uprooted my hope like a tree.

11 He has kindled his wrath against me and counts me as his adversary.

12 His troops come on together; they have thrown up siegeworks<sup>[a]</sup> against me and encamp around my tent.

13 “He has put my family far from me, and my acquaintances are wholly estranged from me.

14 My relatives and my close friends have failed me;

15 the guests in my house have forgotten me; my female servants count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes.

Hymn Title    **God Will Take Care Of You**  
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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

## 619 God Will Take Care of You

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7

1. Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;  
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
 3. All you may need he will pro - vide, God will take care of you;  
 4. No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be - neath his wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.  
 when dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.  
 noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.  
 lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

### Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904  
 MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1904

GOD CARES  
 C.M.Ref.



Hymn Title     Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise  
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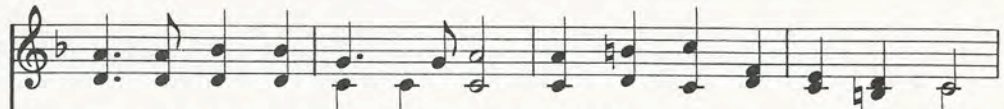
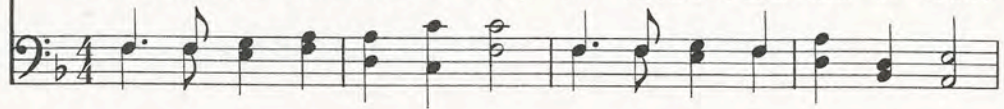
JESUS CHRIST: EPIPHANY

## 190 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. Jn. 1:14*



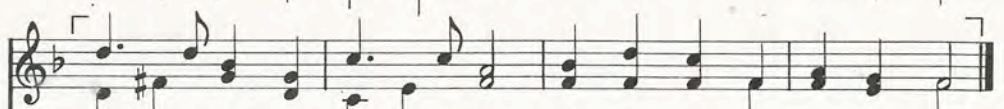
1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise,
2. God re - vealed at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest and king su - preme,
3. God re - vealed in val - iant fight, con - quer - ing the dev - il's might,
4. Stars shall fall and heav - ens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;



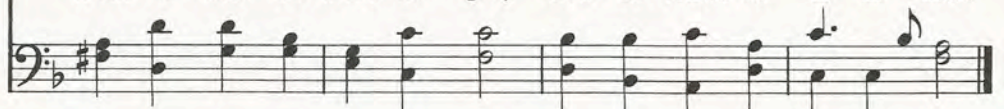
once re - vealed, when heav - en's star brought the wise men from a - far:  
 once re - vealed in power di - vine chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine:  
 sins for - giv - en, sick - ness healed, life re - stored and God re - vealed:  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, all will see the glo - rious sign:



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,  
 Ca - na's ho - ly wed - ding guest keep - ing to the last the best,  
 once re - vealed in gra - cious will ev - er bring - ing good from ill,  
 all will then the trum - pet hear, all will see the Son ap - pear,



Word be - fore the world be - gan, God re - vealed to us in man.  
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WORDS: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862; rev. *Hymns for Today's Church*, 1982  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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Hymn Title    **Just A Closer Walk With Thee**  
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## 561 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:10*

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK  
 Irregular

### ASPIRATION AND RESOLVE

*D. C. for Refrain*

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
*dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

