

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
March 26th, 2023  
5th Sunday in Lent

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**LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** The Gates of Jerusalem *David Paxton*

**CHORAL INTROIT** Come and Find the Quiet Center *Shirley ErenaMurray*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us from the valley of dry bones.

Come, listen for a word from our God.

**We hear God calling us in a far distant voice.**

**We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones.

God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers.**

**Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

Christ came as a light to all the world.

Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**We hear the teacher calling for us.**

**Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.**

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

God of steadfast love, bring new life to this community of your people. We are eager to hear your voice and be filled with your Spirit. Come from the four winds, O Breath, and bring vitality and purpose to our gathering that we might be energized and encouraged. Hear our voices, lifted in praise and crying out from our need. Be attentive to our supplications, lest we die apart from you. Only you can unbind us and set us free. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Jesus Is All the World to Me **#491**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the concession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start.**

**We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus says to us, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you would see the glory of God?" Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in us and among us. We are not slaves to the flesh. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God!

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Walk Along Beside Me *Don Besig*

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

**\*HYMN** Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound **#502**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 127 (p. 561)

**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** Communion With God *Franklin Ritter*

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Lift us up, O God, from the graves of our self-interest as we invest ourselves in sharing the good news with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the resurrection Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow where God leads. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone? **#658**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

We are freed from all that has bound us.

The Spirit sends us out in trust and joy.

**The Spirit dwells in us and empowers us.**

**The light of Christ will show us the way.**

As you walk in the light, you will not stumble.

With trust in God, you will live, even in death.

**God is attentive to our prayers.**

**We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace.**

Go out to proclaim God's freeing love.  
Spread a word of hope to all who are in distress.

**With God, there is great power to redeem.**

**We eagerly share God's steadfast love.**

Amen. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

**POSTLUDE** Paeon of Triumph

\*All those who are able, please stand.

**#840**

*Lani Smith*

**ORGANIST** Myra Bliss

**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Diana Mann

**LAY READER** Robert Sanders

**USHERS** Julia Waggoner & Tenlee Lund

**COFFEE HOSTS** Jan Tomlinson

**VMIX** Ernie Bliss **SOUND** Becky Deters

**PRODUCTION** Ernie Bliss

**TECH SUPPORT** Ernie Bliss

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**Website:** <https://upcchurch.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*

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil,  
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has  
his quiver full of them.

He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

## **AFFIRMATION**

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with loud cries and tears,  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverent submission.  
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**SIGN UP:**

**Set up: Need 4 people**

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**Cooking: Need 7 people**

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**Clean up: Need 4 people**

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**Food providers**

**Pancake Mix(s):** Kate Bernardo

**Egg Casserole:** James Deters

**Sausages**

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\_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

**Syrup**

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6)

**Jam**

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

**Butter**

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Cooking oil** \_\_\_\_\_ (1)



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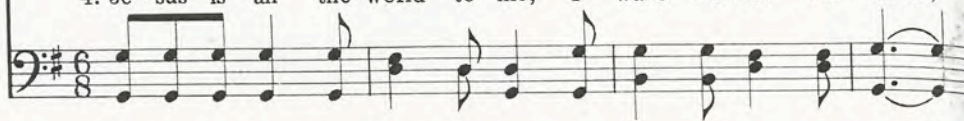
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## REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

**491 Jesus Is All the World to Me***"I have called you friends" . . . Jn. 15:15*

1. Je - sus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
 2. Je - sus is all the world to me, my friend in tri - als sore;  
 3. Je - sus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;  
 4. Je - sus is all the world to me, I want no bet - ter friend;



he is my strength from day to day, with - out him I would fall.  
 I go to him for bless - ings, and he gives them o'er and o'er.  
 O, how could I this friend de - ny, when he's so true to me?  
 I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleet - ing days shall end.



When I am sad to him I go, no oth - er one can  
 He sends the sun - shine and the rain, he sends the har - vest's  
 Fol - low - ing him I know I'm right, he watch - es o'er me  
 Beau - ti - ful life with such a friend, beau - ti - ful life that



cheer me so; when I am sad he makes me glad, he's my friend.  
 gold - en grain, sun - shine and rain, har - vest of grain, he's my friend.  
 day and night; fol - low - ing him by day and night, he's my friend.  
 has no end; e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal joy, he's my friend.



WORDS and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1904

ELIZABETH  
Irregular





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Origin Hymnal

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# Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

*God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8*

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
 3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;  
 4. Through man - y dan-gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
 5. When we've been, there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous  
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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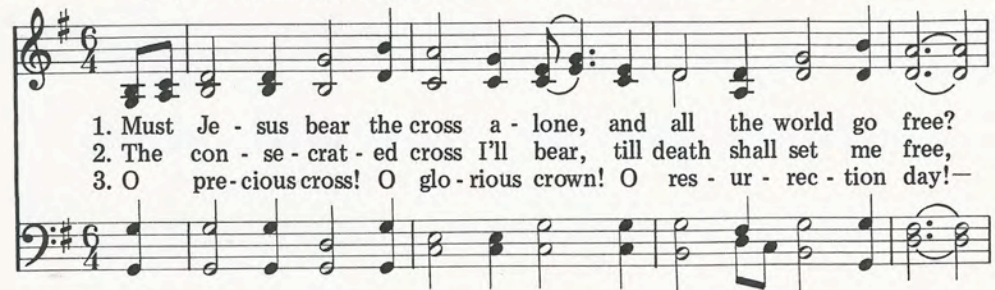
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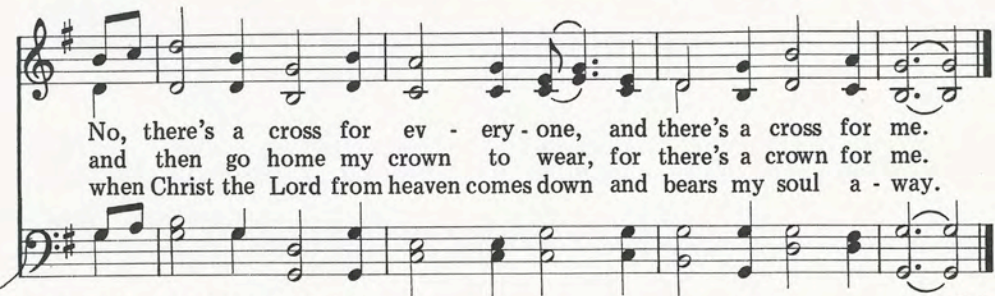
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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

**658 Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?***"If any want to become my followers, let them . . . take up their cross and follow me." Mt. 16:24*


1. Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone, and all the world go free?  
 2. The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear, till death shall set me free,  
 3. O pre - cious cross! O glo - rious crown! O res - ur - rec - tion day!—



No, there's a cross for ev - ery - one, and there's a cross for me.  
 and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me,  
 when Christ the Lord from heaven comes down and bears my soul a - way.

WORDS: Thomas Shepherd, 1693, and others  
 MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844

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