

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 17th, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

P. Manz

CHORAL INTROIT Sanctuary

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Let us remember God's marvelous works.

Surely God has saved us in difficult times.

How can we forget God's guiding hand?

When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged,

God helps us turn the evil to good.

We need not be afraid, whatever happens.

We are in God's care wherever we go.

Sing the praises of God, our strength.

Know that God is majestic and holy.

How great is God's mercy for all who worship!

We sense among us God's kindness and patience.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live. Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust, as you saved them from the waters of the seas and the weapons of their pursuers. On this day, grant strength to those who are weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you as we give account to you of our deeds. Amen.

***HYMN** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those

we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive - seventy times seven. How amazing is God's love for us, and God's expectations of us!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM When In Our Music God is Glorified

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Help Us, Accept Each Other

#437

SCRIPTURE LUKE 6:27-42 (p.939)

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 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

P. Manz

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** There's A Spirit In the Air Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

#120

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We have observed this day to honor God.

God's promises go with us as we depart.

God upholds us and helps us to stand.

We are grateful that God strengthens our faith.

We do not live or die to ourselves.

Christ has claimed us and offered us life.

From Christ, we have learned to forgive.

We have been taught to value every person.

Let every knee bow daily before our God.
Let every tongue give praise to the Almighty.

God help us turn evil into good.

Every day we can know God's loving presence.

Amen. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

#840

POSTLUDE Hymn to Joy

Ludwig von Beethoven/A. Travis

*All those who are able, please stand.

All people are welcome in the sanctuary However, a nursery is available for kindergarten and younger children needing a place to invest their excitement. We know worship can be invigorating!

ORGANIST Nancy Dufek

CHOIR DIRECTOR Diana Mann

LAY READER Paul VanPernis

USHERS Tenlee Lund & Julia Waggoner

COFFEE HOST Cheryl Drevlow

VMIX Hannah Deters **STREAMING AUDIO** Robert Sanders

SANCTUARY SOUND

PRODUCTION Hannah Deters

TECH SUPPORT Ernie Bliss

Nursery care is available for young children who need to get their wiggles out during the Sunday morning church service in the "Playroom" which is located in the Education Wing.

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.

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PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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LUKE 6:27-42

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27 “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

39 He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above the teacher, but every disciple who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. 41 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? 42 Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You

hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

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conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of Mary, a virgin.
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He announced to his people
the coming of God's kingdom
of justice and peace on earth.
We affirm that Jesus was born of woman
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yet born of God's power
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Hymn Title Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
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PRAISE TO GOD

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 20

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 Jn. 4:16

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Hymn Title **Help Us Accept Each Other**
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JUSTICE AND PEACE

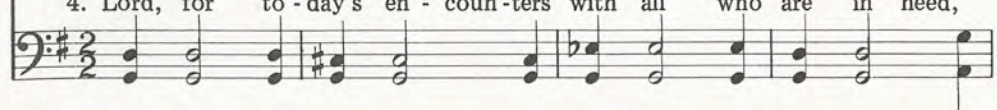

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Honor one another above yourselves. Rom. 12:10

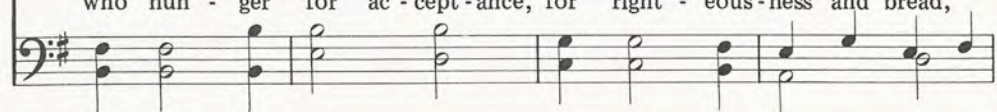

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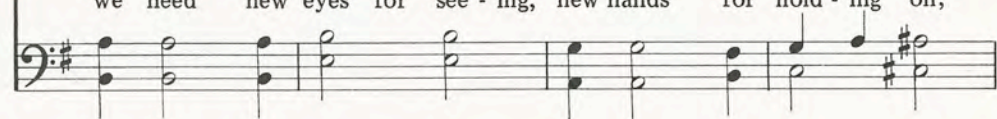
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love,
 who hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;




we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it, Lord, free us, make us one!



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 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

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Hymn Title **There's A Spirit In The Air**
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There's a Spirit in the Air 120

Descant, Vs. 4 and 7

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Cor. 3:17

Praise the love! Praise the love!

Flowing easily (♩ = 52)

1. There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:
2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:
4. Still the Spir - it leads the fight, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:
5. When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

"Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
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*Small notes, instrument only

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
 calling people everywhere:
 Praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working in our world.

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