

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 11th, 2024
Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE How Firm A Foundation

Lani Smith

CHORAL INTROIT Come Into God's Presence Singing

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting.

Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

Our God comes and does not keep silent.

Through fire and tempest, God is with us.

God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.

We look for a vision to claim our souls.

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions.

We fill all our hours with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil.

There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL ANTHEM Let Us Serve Him

Besig and Price

CHILDREN'S CHAT

***HYMN** Help Us Accept Each Other

#437

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 1066)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY O Let Me Walk with Thee

David Hegarty

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it on.

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Use our gifts, mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom, hope where there is despair, peace where there is turmoil. May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around your world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophets' spirit to discern clearly the ways you would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.

***HYMN** Lord, You Give the Great Commission *verses 1, 2, 5*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

It has been good for us to be together.

Now we scatter to share good news.

God has visited earth in human form.

In Jesus Christ, the beloved of God, humanity is blessed.

Light from the gospel has been revealed to us.

We are becoming lights to the world.

It is an awesome responsibility to reflect God's glory.

Ours is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love.

God will not leave us or forsake us.

God's presence is constant and dependable.

We depart with confidence and joy.

We will carry the knowledge of Christ in our hearts.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE A Joyous Acclamation

*All those who are able, please stand.

A WORD ON THE OFFERING

For your convenience, during cold and flu season, plates are placed at each entrance.

You are welcome to place your offering in the plate as you enter or during a hymn. The

ushers will bring the offering forward later in the service.

Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, and aids for the hearing impaired are available. All people are welcome in the sanctuary. However, a nursery is available for kindergarten and younger children needing a place to invest their excitement. There is also a 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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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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Christ's Epiphany

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180 Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Jesus took with him Peter, James and John . . . and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. Mt. 17:1-2

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son: law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing; all the proph - ets and the law
in the thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name;
fade be - fore him; First and Last, and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him: Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1962
MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1985

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Help Us Accept Each Other 437

Honor one another above yourselves. Rom. 12:10

Unison

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!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

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715 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mk. 16:15

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

WORDS: Jeffrey Rowthorn, 1978
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH
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