

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 17th 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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### LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

**PRELUDE** Prelude on 'Aus der Tiefe'

*C. S. Lang*

**CHORAL INTROIT** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Helen H. Lemmel*

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

**P: And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming, says our God;

The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.**

**We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.**

God's law will be written on our hearts.

Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**We are eager to know the God who loves us.**

**We are ready to learn God's intention for us.**

God offers us the joy of salvation.

Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

**We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.**

**We seek guidance for our daily living. Amen.**

### MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

As Jesus offered up prayers and supplications to you, O God, we cry out to you today. You know our losses and our fears. You understand our suffering and pain. We wish to see Jesus, to know the healing touch felt by so many. We want to hear a reassuring voice. We long to see a new day when evil is overcome and wrong cannot prevail. Lift us up and draw us to yourself as we worship in this hour. Equip us for our daily living as we seek to be true to your covenant with us. Amen.

**\*HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *verses 1, 2, 4, 5*

**#95**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about**

**ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are welcomed into God's redeeming presence. We are children of our Creator who loves us. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus, who was obedient to God and faithful to the law of love, even in the face of the cross. Through suffering, Christ became the source of eternal salvation for us, realized when we embrace the covenant in truth and faithfulness. The burden of our sin is lifted from us. New life is ours to enjoy.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

**#805**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

**CHORAL ANTHEM** All Things Work Together For Good

*John Carter*

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

**\*HYMN** Here I Am, Lord

**On insert**

**SCRIPTURE** Titus 3:1-15 (p. 1087)

**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** In Memoriam

*Arr. Alfred Fedak*

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

**#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Go, My Children, with My Blessing (from "Glory to God")

**On insert**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has written the law of love within us.

We are empowered to live according to that law.

**We have experienced God's presence together.**

**That presence will sustain us as we scatter.**

God's wisdom has been planted in our hearts.

It is different from the wisdom of this world.

**We dare to live as forgiven and forgiving sinners.**  
**We risk showing love to those who seem unlovable.**  
We are people of God, accepted and loved.  
We are followers of Christ, commissioned for service.  
**Where Christ leads, we will follow.**  
**Where our service is needed, we will go. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**#840**

**POSTLUDE** Allegro Maestoso

*G. F. Handel*

\*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 your 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.*

**ORGANIST** Nancy Dufek

**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Diana Mann

**TIMPANI** Ernie Bliss

**VMIX** Rob Sanders **STREAMING AUDIO** Ernie Bliss

**SANCTUARY SOUND** Becky Deters

**PRODUCTION** Rob Sanders

**TECH SUPPORT** Ernie Bliss

**LAY READER** Anne Wickman

**USHERS** Chuck Whiting and Family

**COFFEE HOSTS** Connie Cogger

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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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### Suggestions for Care Packages

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Pencils, pens, highlighters  
Post-it notes  
Ramen noodles  
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Chapstick  
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### **Titus 3:1-15 (p. 1087)**

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they lack nothing. And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs so that they may not be unproductive. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

# The Exalted Christ 94

(God's) power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

*Ephesians 1:19b-23*

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 95

*He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS Rev. 19:16*

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,  
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
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WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1780; adapt. John Rippon, 1787  
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

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