

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Rejoice, the Lord is King *Arr. Peter Benjamin*

CHORAL INTROIT Be Still and Know That I Am God

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Our Creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God's children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love you provide so that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best. Amen.

***HYMN** How Great Thou Art #21

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also

beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God dwells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love's healing and our self-deceit to Love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus.

***GLORIA PATRI** #805

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL ANTHEM Wonderful, Merciful Savior *Rodgers & Wise/Arr. Schrader*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Andrew MacGregor

***HYMN** Take Time to Be Holy #540

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 (p. 989)

MESSAGE Andrew MacGregor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed #15

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Holy Manna *Arr. Robert C. Lau*

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

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us in safety through times of grave distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing that your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in the proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life. Amen.

***HYMN** We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight *On insert*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Put your trust in God as you face another week.

Good affirms you and claims your faithfulness.

We will open our eyes to the goodness of God.

We seek to follow faithfully where Christ leads.

Turn away from vain words and seek after lies.

Seek the purity of life we find in Christ Jesus.

We pray for honest insight as we seek truth.

O, that we might see the good in ourselves!

We have been touched by mystery and wonder.

Let us live as God's beloved children.

What we will become has not yet been revealed.

We are confident in God's will for us.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Lift High the Cross *Refrain only*

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POSTLUDE Rigaudon

Andre Campra

*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.

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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

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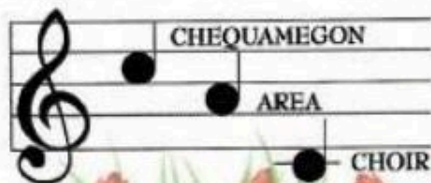
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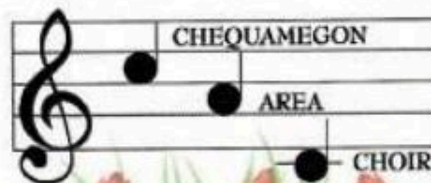
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When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

21 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan-der and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art."



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou



*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty."

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1949, alt.
MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
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Take Time to Be Holy 540

Live in peace . . . and be holy. Heb. 12:14

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; spend much time in
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be -
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each

al - ways, and feed on his Word. Make friends of God's chil - dren;
 se - cret with Je - sus a - lone; by look - ing to Je - sus,
 fore him what - ev - er be - tide; in joy or in sor - row
 mo - tive be - neath his con - trol; thus led by his Spir - it

help those who are weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 still fol - low thy Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.
 to foun - tains of love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

WORDS: William D. Longstaff, 1882
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

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Going Beyond Good Theology 541

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

. . . Dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.

Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-11

Lift High the Cross 229

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jn. 12:32

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, our
 2. All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied bear
 3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the tree of pain, draw
 4. Let ev-ery race and ev-ery lan-guage tell of
 5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

D. C.

King vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
 on their brows the seal of him who died.
 all the world to seek you once a-gain.
 him who saves our souls from death and hell.
 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!