

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Concert Aria

*W. A. Mozart*

Jacob Itzin, trumpet Anne-Marie Itzin, pianist

**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**

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus.

Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

**We will worship the Almighty and sing praises.**

**We will proclaim good news to others.**

Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us.

We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

**Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.**

Remember that you have been baptized.

God claims you and has high expectations of you.

**Christ is the vine; we are the branches.**

**We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.**

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

Open our senses to your direction, amazing God, so we may be alert to opportunities you give us. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning for their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. There is much in life that we do not understand. We seek to know your Word and to be led by it. Recall us to the vows of our baptism, reconfirming in us the covenant promises that link us to you and to one another.

As we meet you here, our hearts are lifted up in praise. May our worship glorify your name and be pleasing to you. Amen.

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

**#20**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are**

**afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is good news for all who sincerely repent and seek a living, growing relationship with God. Those who are open to the gift of God's love are blessed with the capacity to extend love to others and thus experience the depth and riches of life that God intends for us. When we love one another, God's love is perfected in us.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDER**

Kat Whitten

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Let All the People Praise Thee

*Natalie Sleeth*

Jacob Itzin, trumpet

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

**\*HYMN** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

**#436**

**SCRIPTURE** 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 1112)

**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** My Jesus, I Love Thee

*David Hegarty*

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

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Fairest Lord Jesus

**#115**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Live for God every moment of every day.

Take time to bow down in gratitude for God's love.

**We seek to live as people who know God.**

**Because we are loved, we dare to love others.**

Do not be afraid to witness to your growing faith.

Do not hesitate to show the fruits of abiding in Christ.

**We will turn to the perfect love that casts out fear.**

**We will tell of that love to future generations.**

You have been equipped and empowered by love.

God is filling your life with purpose and energy.

**We love because God first loved us.**

**We go out to serve as apostles of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Lift High the Cross *refrain only*

**POSTLUDE** Postlude on "Azmon"

\*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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**#229**

*Don Phillips*



**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*



# Calendar of Events

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By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 20

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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.

# 436 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Love each other as I have loved you. Jn. 15:12

*Refrain*

*Unison*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

*Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

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feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
 love, all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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