

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 16th 2024

Father's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Toccata *J.P. Sweelinck/ed. M. Burkhardt*

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT Sanctuary *(sing twice)* **On insert**

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to God!

Come to make music to our Creator.

**God knows our troubles and remembers our needs.**

**Our petitions are answered and our hearts' desires fulfilled.**

Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Seek God's help in the sanctuary.

**We know that God will help the anointed ones.**

**Our pride is in God alone.**

Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again.

How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**God will respond when we call.**

**We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We turn to you, God of all worlds, knowing we can depend on you when earthly rulers stumble and fall, when other relationships are strained and broken, when we are faced with difficult challenges. It is good to sing your praises, even when we do not feel like singing. It is good to declare your faithfulness when we have been unfaithful. It is good to give thanks, for when we do, we are reminded of the multitude of blessings we so often take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. Amen.

\*HYMN Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart **#34**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of all truth, who can stand before you? We judge by outward appearances, but you examine our hearts. We see what is on the surface, but you discern beauty deep within. We measure importance by paychecks, but you find value among those we deem lowly and insignificant. You offer us the deep and profound joy of**

**living in your realm. We forget your promises and turn to pursuits that separate us from you and destroy community. We seek forgiveness and a new direction for our lives. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All of us must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, today and every day. When we come with true penitence, we can win a victory over sin. Christ died for us that we might no longer live only for ourselves. In Christ, we no longer regard others from a human point of view. We are a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come. We can live confidently, urged on by the love of Christ, to joyous, daring service.

\*GLORIA PATRI **#805**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

\*HYMN Children of the Heavenly Father **#84**

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-32 (p. 952)

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 Offertory on "Ellers" *David H. Hegarty*

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

\*DOXOLOGY **#809**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church's use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.**

\*HYMN Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy **#451**

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Share your mustard-seed faith with the world.

God will make of it more than you can imagine.

**We will dare to speak of God's love.**

**We will seek to live out the love of Christ.**

In Christ, we are a new creation.

Our dried-up faith has received new life.

**The mighty have been toppled from power.**

**The humble and lowly have been lifted up.**

Walk by faith, not by sight.

God will add to your understanding day by day.

**We will seek to view others as God sees them.**

**We will claim them as sisters and brothers. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**#840**

**POSTLUDE** Maestoso in A Major

*F. Mendelssohn*

\*All those who are able, please stand.

***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

**TRUMPET** Howard Frostman

**VMIX** Ernie Bliss **STREAMING AUDIO** Joseph Deters

**SANCTUARY SOUND** Rob Sanders

**PRODUCTION** Ernie Bliss

**TECH SUPPORT** Ernie Bliss

**LAY READER** Heather Hudak

**USHERS** Chuck Whiting and family

**COFFEE HOSTS** Howard and Terri Frostman

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## **United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am**

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**Luke 15:11-32 (p. 952)**

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might

celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

GOD THE FATHER

## 34 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous. Ps. 33:1

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;  
2. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go;  
4. Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray;

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe,  
as war - riors through the dark - ness toil till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing!  
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WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865, alt.  
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

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## 35 God's World and God's Word

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.

**There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.**

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul.