

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - BLESSING OF THE BAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken

Lani Smith

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT Sanctuary (*sing twice*)

On insert

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

This is God's house, and we are God's children.

God invites us to feel at home in this place.

We have a covenant with our Creator.

This is a time for renewal of our promises.

God calls for righteousness and justice.

God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** How Majestic Is Your Name

#61

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are no longer strangers and aliens but are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. We are the church, God's forgiven and forgiving people, becoming a

temple in which God is pleased to dwell. Let us join our spirits and our voices in giving thanks for God's pardon and continuing offer of healing. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHILDREN'S CHAT (Noisy Coin) Rev. James Deters

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Berceuse

A. Ilijinsky

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. Amen.

***HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#522

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:1-8 (p. 711)

MESSAGE The Lord is my Shepherd #3

Rev. James Deters

PASTORAL PRAYER (Lord's Prayer)

RETIRE TO BLESSING ON THE BAY

WORSHIP WILL RESUME AT MASLOWSKI BEACH

*All those who are able, please stand.

A WORD ON THE OFFERING

For your convenience, the offering 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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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am

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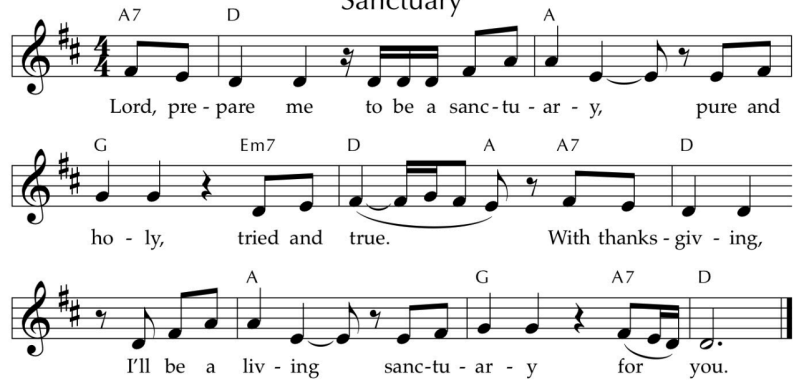
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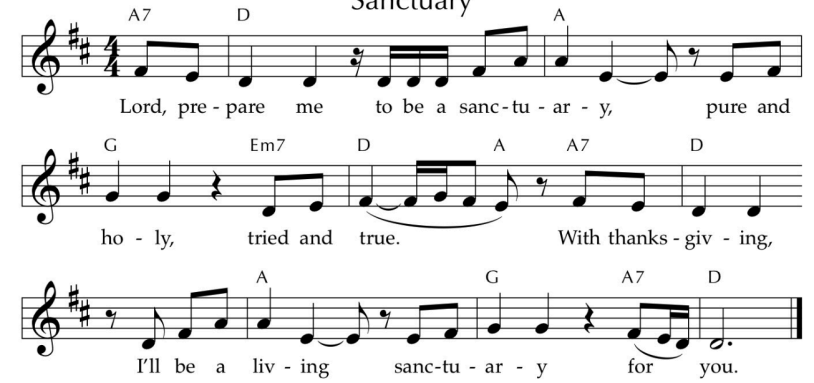
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Blessing of the Bay Sunday - July 21, 2024

An invitation to take off your shoes ... and stand on holy ground.

L: How many are your works, O Lord!

P: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

L: There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small.

P: Through you, O God, all things were made; without God nothing was made that has been made.

Celebrating the gift of the Big Lake:

- Lake Superior, the biggest, coldest, and cleanest of the Great Lakes, is the largest freshwater lake by surface area on Earth. The lake contains 10 percent of the world's fresh water, enough to submerge all of North and South America under one foot of water.
- The lake is so big it could hold all the water from the other four Great Lakes, plus three more lakes the size of Lake Erie!
- Lake Superior's deepest point is 1,332 feet, which would almost cover the Sears Tower in Chicago, one of the world's tallest buildings.
- Early French explorers named it le lac superieur, meaning "the Upper Lake", that is, the lake above Lake Huron.
- The Ojibawe called it Kitchi-gummi, meaning "Great Water."
- The basin that contains Lake Superior's waters began to form some 150 million years ago when the Earth's crust split apart. For millions of years, the basin was a broad, wind-blown plain.
- About a million years ago, the glaciers of the Ice Age began their slow work of carving a coast. Four successive waves of mile-thick ice gouged the basin deeper. During the glacial retreat, melt waters filled the basin far above present lake levels.
- Always remember: THE LAKE IS THE BOSS!

Trumpet- This is My Father's World

To Think about this day:

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- God blessed them and God said to them, "be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea... (The Torah, Jewish Publication Society, 1962)
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A Time of Prayer Together

Dear friends, this water will be used in our lives for many purposes. Let it also remind us of our baptisms. Let us ask God to bless it and to keep us faithful to the Spirit God has given us.

God, our Creator, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins, brings us eternal life, quenches our thirst, washes our clothes, nourishes the plants, refreshes the animals.

We ask you now to bless this water and to give us your blessing on this day, which you have made your own. Renew the living spirit of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body; that we may live in harmony with your gifted creation, and with each. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Live with hope, for God is with us every day.

Live in peace, for God turns us from hostility.

We are one in Christ, who died for us.

We are one in the Spirit who creates community.

Renew your covenant vows with God and people.

Celebrate the oneness of humanity in Christ.

We have daily access to God our Parent.

We are citizens with the saints in God's family.

There are people in the marketplace awaiting good news.

Go to people you know who need your healing presence.

We seek to recognize the needs around us.

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Jeremiah 23:1-8 (p. 711)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." Therefore the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, "As the LORD lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," but "As the LORD lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." Then they shall live in their own land.

522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him . . . Jn. 10:4

1. Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre -
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms

pare: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we
 stray: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we
 free: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to
 fill: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us

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 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
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