

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

David Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word has been lived among us!

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation.

We gather before the One who is heir to all things.

Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.

Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

Who are we that God is mindful of us?

Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.

We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

The realm of God is for all people.

God's dominion is over all creation.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds. We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, whom you sent among people to make possible our reconciliation and healing. For the saving grace available wherever you reign, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms, we pray. Amen.

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

#20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless or hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for

ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we come as children, acknowledging our dependence on God for life and all that sustains it, we recognize that loving arms surround us, and hands of blessing rest on our lives. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who is not ashamed to claim us and to walk with us through life. Rejoice that God tests our hearts and minds and helps us grow.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

#441

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:1-10 (p. 1110)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

#14

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Let Us Break Bread Together

Lani Smith

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

As long ago you spoke through the prophets, speak now through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share. We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May we proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters in this congregation. May our gifts carry the good news throughout our community, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. Amen.

***HYMN** Shine, Jesus, Shine

#721

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

For this little while, we have been in the arms of God.

Hands of blessing have rested lightly on our heads.

We have recognized one another as children of God.

Our rivalries are turned to awe and wonder.

We have brought our pain to the suffering Savior.

Christ has welcomed us as sisters and brothers.

We are united in love that lasts for eternity.

The reign of God has already begun here and now.

Walk with integrity through the storms of life.

God crowns you with glory and honor.

The imprint of God's love is on our lives.

It is a privilege to reflect God's glory each day! Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Spirit of the Living God vs. 2

#297

POSTLUDE Monkland

Albert L. Travis

*All those who are able, please stand.

A WORD ON THE OFFERING

For your convenience, 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 play room 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

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PRODUCTION Joseph Deters

TECH SUPPORT Ernie Bliss

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USHERS Chuck Whiting and family

COFFEE HOSTS Betty Yankee and Paula Mainguth

BAKERS Lois Armstrong and Diana Norman

PLAYROOM Jan Tomlinson

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214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger



Calendar *of Events*

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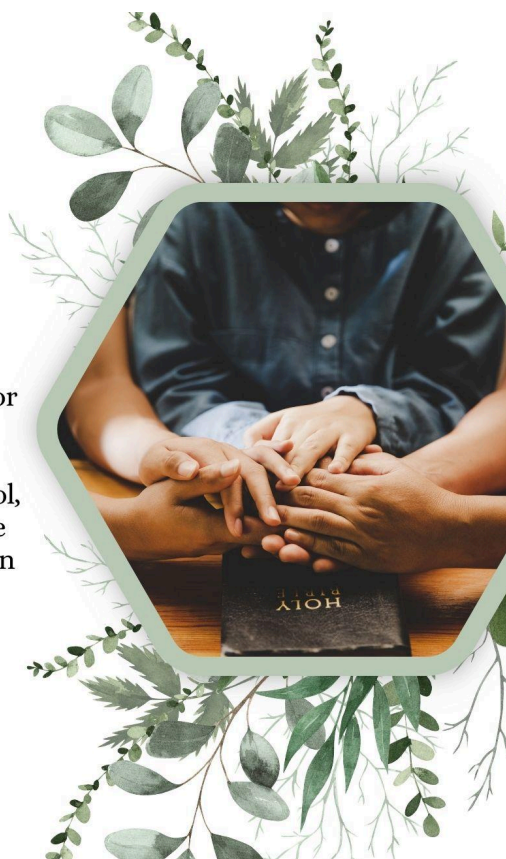
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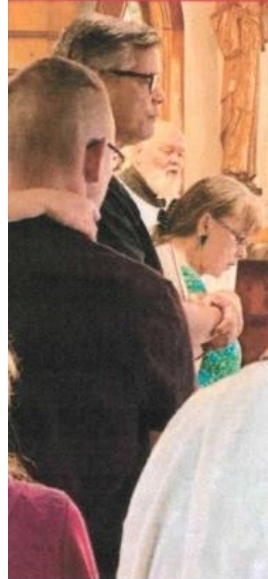


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We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen