

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Thy Strong Word

Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT Come and Find the Quiet Center

Shirley Erena Murray

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us, we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. Amen.

***HYMN** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

#477

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate. We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. Let your hearts be lifted up. We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity. God's benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Thy Word

Amy

Grant

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Amazing Grace

#502

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-21 (p. 1064)

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

***HYMN** We Are God's People verses 1 & 4

#700

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

We cannot rest in God's care or keep silent.

The love of God must be lived and shared.

Go forth with praise on your lips.

The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

We want to offer light and hope to others.

Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.

Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.

Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

We pray that God will keep us open to further learning.

May our humble witness attract others to Christ. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

#840

POSTLUDE Psalm XIX

B. Marcello/Arr. W. Buszin

*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 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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Lots of upcoming events. See the bulletin inserts.

Also look at the UPCC website: <https://upccchurch.org/>

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214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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Calendar of Events

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- 1/22 Noon: AA meeting in lower lounge
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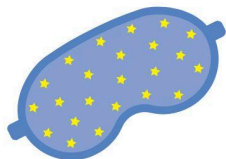
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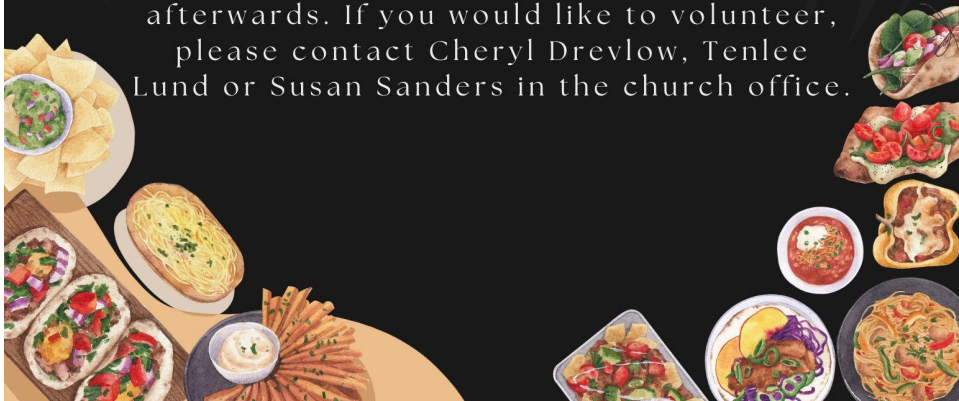
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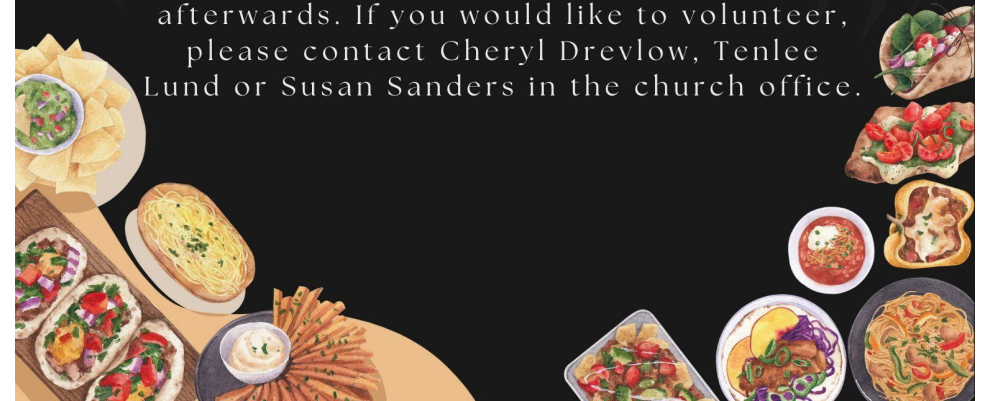
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You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus

putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;