

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 9, 2025

First Sunday In Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Becky Deters

CHORAL INTROIT Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather to remember and share stories of faith;
rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

**Before our stories began, there was God;
through all our days, God walks with us.**

Worship the one who gives and sustains life;
sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

**There is no place we can go where God is not;
amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy;
dance with the God, who frees us for new possibilities.

**We call out to God, expecting to be heard;
we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write your truth into our lives this day. Work your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land you intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born.

*HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad verses 1 - 4

#193

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage.

We are more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat today. Our own security is more important to us than the health and safety of all your children.

The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that

our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All who call on God will know salvation. Those who cling to God will be delivered. How great is the joy of people who are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation, through Christ Jesus. God's gifts are for you. Receive them in trust, knowing that God's presence and protection are yours to enjoy every day.

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM This is My Word

Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN'S CHAT/NOISY COIN Rev. James Deters

*HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

#290

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-13 (p. 910)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Becky Deters

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

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust that it may be spent in ways you choose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell. May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives.

Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

*HYMN Jesus Remember Me (twice)

#822

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Depart to the places of your inheritance;
God will dwell with you there and bless you.

**All that we have is a gift from God;
everywhere we go, we are with our Creator.**

Walk in the ways of God, rejoicing in God's goodness;
the Most High will honor your calls and protect you.

**We call on God's name as we scatter once more;
our prayers will continue in every day and place.**

Know that Christ Jesus was raised from death for you.
Continue in faith, sharing the good news.

We rejoice in our salvation and claim our healing.

We offer renewal and hope to the world. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You verse 1

#840

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

*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 playroom 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

CHOIR DIRECTOR Diana Mann

SOLOIST Heather Hudak

VMIX Hannah and Joseph Deters **STREAMING AUDIO** Jon Deters

SANCTUARY SOUND Open

PRODUCTION Hannah and Joseph Deters

TECH SUPPORT Ernie Bliss

LAY READER Pete Mann

USHERS Chuck Whiting and family

COFFEE HOSTS Lynn Adams and Kay Despard

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PLAYROOM Alisa Kolwitz

Church office hours Monday--Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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