

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE The Trumpet Shall Sound

G.F. Handel/Arr. L. Smith

CHORAL INTROIT Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and our salvation;

Let everything that breathes praise our God!

This is the day that God has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.

Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

We will give thanks this day, for God is good.

The steadfast love of God endures forever.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

We are witnesses to the God who acts.

We are here to offer our worship and praise.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN** Crown Him with Many Crowns

#92

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We who have listened to the siren calls of our culture have neglected a faithful witness to Jesus Christ. The frantic pace of our busyness has left little time or energy to ponder the marvelous works of God. We have closed the doors of our hearts to a presence who longs to claim us. Come with me now to the throne of grace as we join in humble confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are loved. We are forgiven, freed from our sins by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

New life is ours. Let us recount the deeds of our God and respond to the Holy Spirit with joy and thanksgiving. The steadfast love of God endures forever. Fill the sanctuary with joyous praise!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Walkin' To Jordan

Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S CHAT Lauren Duffy

***HYMN** O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

#249

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:14-29 (p. 554), John 20:19-31 (p. 988)

MESSAGE Michael Van Uytven

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

On insert

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Meditation on Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Charles Callahan

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.

***HYMN** The Day of Resurrection

#247

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go out in the strength God provides.

Praise God's mighty deeds by the way you live.

In loving obedience, we will witness to our faith.

We will give thanks each day for God's goodness.

The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere.

The Holy Spirit empowers our worship and service.

God is our strength and our might.

God answers our prayers with salvation.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

This day is a precious gift from God.

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Lift High the Cross. *refrain only*

#229

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Lani Smith

*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 Myra Bliss

VMIX Rob Sanders **STREAMING AUDIO** Susan Sanders

SANCTUARY SOUND OPEN

PRODUCTION Rob Sanders

TECH SUPPORT Ernie Bliss

LAY READER Julia Waggoner

USHERS Tom and Connie Cogger

COFFEE HOSTS Pat Sheils and Myra Bliss

BAKERS Pat Sheils and Julia Waggoner

PLAYROOM Jan Tomlinson

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Rev. James Deters, Pastor upccpastor@gmail.com

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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

Illustration by Ben Cogger



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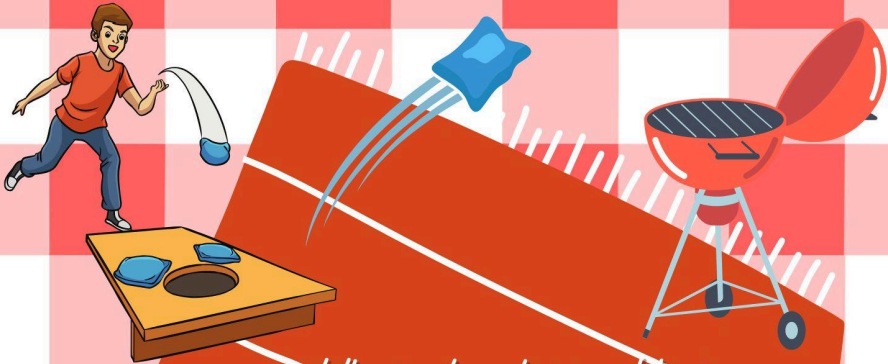
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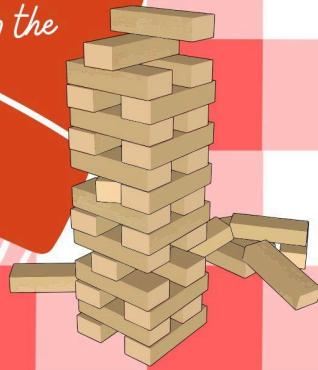


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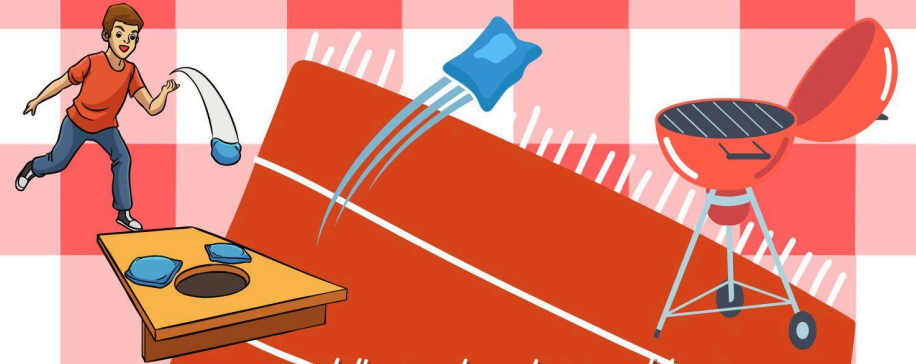
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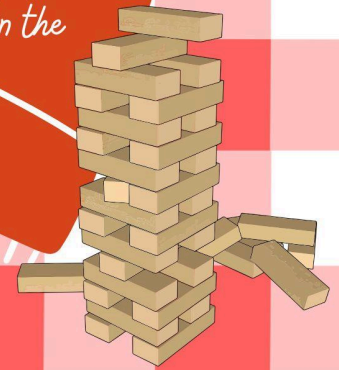
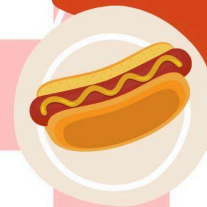


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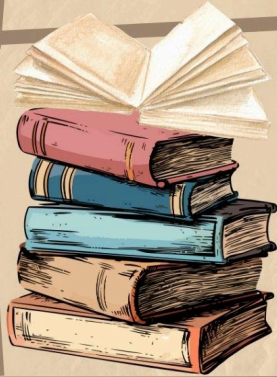
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The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.[a]
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

John 20:19-31 (p. 988)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.