

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29th, 2020 -
5th Sunday in Lent

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

Traditional

PRELUDE Near the Cross

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Lighting the Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us from the dark valleys.

Come, listen for a word from our God.

We hear God calling us in a far distant voice.

We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.

The Spirit breathes new life into bodies and souls.

God offers hope when we have lost our way.

Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers.

Our spirits are filled with great expectation.

Christ came as a light to all the world.

Christ comes among us today to light our way.

We hear the teacher calling for us.

Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of steadfast love, bring new life to the community of your people. We are eager to hear your voice and be filled with your Spirit. Come from the four winds, O Breath, and bring vitality and purpose to our gathering that we might be energized and encouraged.

Hear our voices, lifted in praise and crying out from our need. Be attentive to our supplications, lest we die apart from you. Only you can unbind us and set us free. Amen.

*HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #213

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Sometimes we feel our actions have cut us off from relationship with you. When this happens, we are scared, panicky, and lose our way. We feel like we are just going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus says to us, "did I not tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?" Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in us and among us. We are not captive to despair and fear. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love, who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God!

*GLORIA PATRI #805

CHORAL ANTHEM | Surrender All to You Mary McDonald

CHILDREN'S CHAT Lenten Banner #224

*HYMN Ask Ye What Great Things I Know

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130 ; Philipians 2:1-11

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed *on insert*

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Consolation *F. Mendelssohn*

*DOXOLOGY #809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Lift us up, O God, from the shallowness of our self-interest as we invest ourselves in sharing the good news with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the resurrection Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow when God leads. Amen.

*HYMN Fairest Lord Jesus #115

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We are freed from all that has bound us.

The Spirit sends us out in trust and joy.

The Spirit dwells in us and empowers us.

The light of Christ will show us the way.

As you walk in the light, you will not stumble.

With trust in God, you will live, even in death.

God is attentive to our prayers.

We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace.

Go out to proclaim God's freeing love.

Spread a word of hope to all who are in distress.

With God, there is great power to redeem.

We eagerly share God's steadfast love. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

#840

Jean-Joseph Mouret

*All those who are able, please stand

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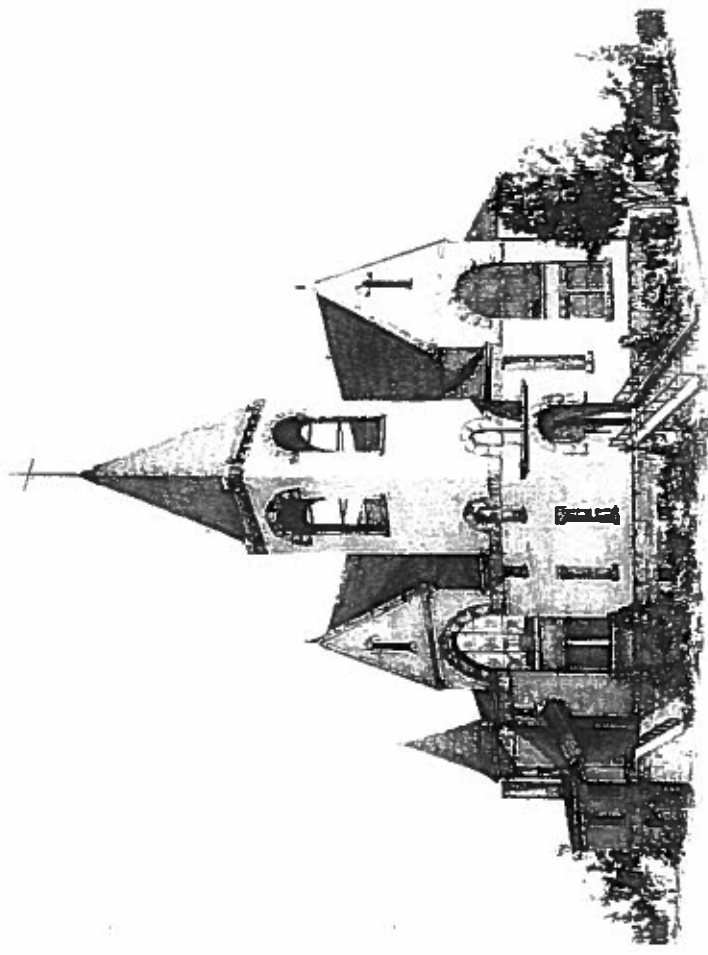
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Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living 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.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alice Evenson
- 2 T.Jay Jones, Curtis Holevatz, Colton Smart & Jack Michael Sheils
- 3 David Mahnke
- 4 Joanne Malmberg

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
if you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those
who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great
power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort
from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,
then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in
spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in
humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of
you to the interests of the others.
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the
church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The
submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church
office via email to info@upccchurch.org.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 213

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Descant

4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824, based on plainsong; desc. Donald P. Hustad, 1989
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HAMBURG
 L.M.

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know 224

For I resolved to know nothing . . . except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Cor. 2:2

1. Ask ye - what great thing I know that de - lights and
 2. Who de - feats my fierc - est foes? Who con - soles my
 3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
 4. This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and

stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name
 sad - dest woes? Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all
 death will be? Who will place me on his right with the count -
 stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who tri - umph

glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the Cru - ci - fied
 hid - den smart? Je - sus Christ, the Cru - ci - fied
 hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the Cru - ci - fied
 o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the Cru - ci - fied

WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; or Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan, 1827

Fairest Lord Jesus 115

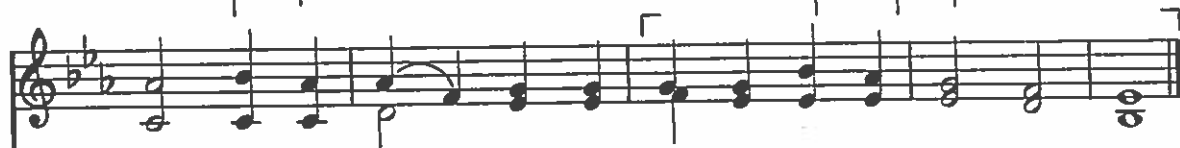
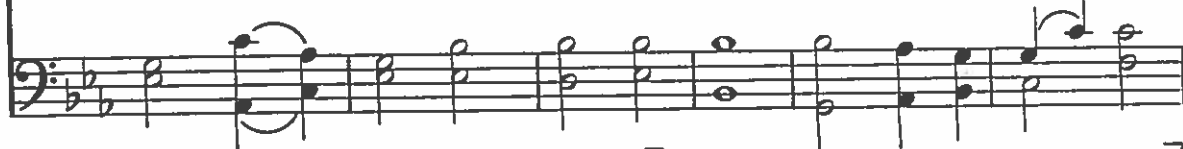
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place . . . Phil. 2:9



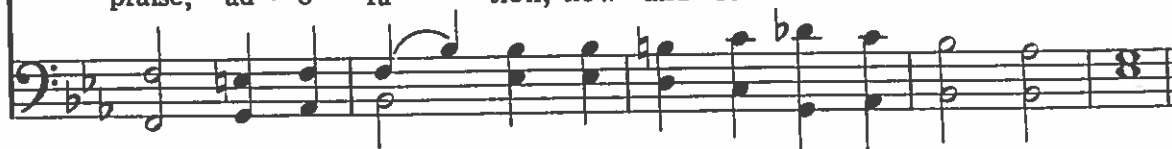
1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



WORDS: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. anonymous, 1850; st. 4, tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873
MUSIC: H. A. Hoffman von Fallersleben's *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. Richard S. Willis, 1850

CRUSADER'S HYMN
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