

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 19th, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

**MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** (silent congregational preparation for worship)

**PRELUDE** Chorale: My Redeemer Liveth Yet *J. Cruger*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**GREETING** L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come again to celebrate resurrection.

God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**Death has no power over us.**

**Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**

**God shows us the path of life.**

Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.

Come to receive life in Christ's name.

**We rejoice in God's amazing good news.**

**In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

**MORNING PRAYER** (read by Lay Reader)

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Crown Him with Many Crowns *#92*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrates. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us**

**courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. We have a good heritage which is ours to claim. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy. Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice. The living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**\*HYMN** My Jesus, I Love Thee *#100*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 16 (p.485); 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p.1103) & John 20:19-31 (p.989)

**MESSAGE** Rev. James Deters

**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** Blessed Jesus, We Are Here. *J. S. Bach*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *#809*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God, and delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have begun to realize in company with one another and with you. To that end, bless all the offerings of this day. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *#20*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Jesus says to us again: Peace be with you.

As God has sent me, so I send you.

**We receive God's peace into our lives.**

**We will go where Christ sends us.**

Feel the wind, the breath of God.

Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**We are empowered as disciples and apostles.**

**We will learn and serve in Jesus' name.**

Blessed are all who trust and obey.  
God will give you counsel and instruction.

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

**We are learning the way of life God intends. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE.** The Trumpet Shall Sound.

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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*G. F. Handel*



## **United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am**

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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.

## **Psalm 16**

(p.485)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **John 20:19-31**

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.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

4-19 Pat Robertson, Betty Yankee, Alissa Hulstrand &  
Don Reynolds  
4-120 Emmett John Yankee  
4-22 Joseph Deters, Kathy Beeksma, Morgan Anderson  
& Tate Stuart  
4-28 Lori Guski

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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@upcchurch.org](mailto:info@upcchurch.org).