

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday after Easter

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

**PRELUDE** Chorale: O Lord, All Glorious *Bach - Schreiner*

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

**P: And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.**

**Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.

You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

**Every day we long for spiritual growth.**

**Each day we are inspired by the living Christ.**

Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.**

**We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

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

Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*HYMN** How Firm A Foundation **#612**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word to us, holy God. In such scary times, we seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We weakly follow Christ's example, who identified with poor, needy, and oppressed people. We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you hear and respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let not your hearts be troubled. God knows your needs before we ask and leads us in the way of compassion. If you truly believe, you will show care for others. When you care, you will join in doing the things Jesus did to help all the people God loves. You are chosen to proclaim the mighty acts of One who called you out of the shadows into God's marvelous light. Rejoice! You have received the mercy of God.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** He Is the Rock *Michael Barrett*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT:** Cheryl Drevlow & Lynn Adams - A Mother's Day Tribute

**\*HYMN** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing **#45**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (p.495); 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p.1104) & John 14:1-14 (p.982)

**MESSAGE** Rev. James Deters

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed **#15**

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

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** Larghetto *G. F. Handel*

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicated material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory **#669**

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Jesus send us out into paths of service.

We are summoned to greater works that Jesus did.

**How is it possible for us to do more than Jesus did?**

**Can we preach and pray and heal as Jesus did?**

We are chosen as Christ's representatives.

We are the church, the body of Christ on earth.

**Together we can make a difference.**

**God is at work in us to heal our world.**

Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us.

Follow in Christ's way, we know fullness of life.

**We believe God dwells in us and among us.  
God's mighty acts are revealed through us. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Rigaudon

**#840**

*Andre Campra*

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## **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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## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
Of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and  
apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to  
shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear  
to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a  
strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and  
my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are  
my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have  
redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**15-16:** My times are in your hand; deliver me from the  
hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine  
upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

## 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk so  
that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have  
tasted that the Lord is good.

**p.1104**

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **John 14:1-14**

**p.982**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so would I have told you that I go to

prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 5-11 Finnegan Walworth
- 5-12 Corrina Roman
- 5-13 Olivia Helen Eilo, Susan Noskoviak
- 5-15 Amanda Coykellend & Daimyon Torres

## **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).