

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17th, 2020

6th Sunday after Easter

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Chorale: In All Lands Rejoice Ye Christians *J. Schop-J.S. Bach*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of heaven and earth calls us together.

We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

There is so much we do not know or understand.

So much of God is unknown to us.

Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship.

Our attention is easily diverted from God.

We want to worship the One who gives us breath.

We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.

In God we live and move and have our being.

All that we have and are comes from God.

God is not limited to shrines made by us.

God is everywhere present in the whole universe.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Let the sound of praising you be heard among us today and in all the places of your dominion, O God. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. Shake us out of our complacency and our cherished iniquities. Hold us in your steadfast love and call forth within us an awareness of all your blessings. Stimulate among us an eagerness to live as you intend. Amen.

***HYMN** Come Thou Almighty King

#5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual discipline that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke

opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus. Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are not left to struggle alone. You have an Advocate who is always with you. You are not rejected. God hears your prayers and offers you steadfast love in all circumstances. Do not be afraid to hope and to share that hope with others around you. Claim God's gifts of reverence and gentleness as you testify to the resurrection. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM 'Til the Storm Passe By *Mosie Lister*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Jill Zifko

***HYMN** Blessed Assurance **#514**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 66:8-20 (p.517); 1 Peter 3:13-22 (p. 1105) & John 14:15-21 (p.983)

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 Prayer *Demetrius Bortniansky*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

May all that we give today be used to express your love among us and beyond us, God's people. We are thankful for your gift to us in Christ Jesus, who was so committed to sharing your love that he risked rejection and death. We are grateful that even though his suffering resulted in death in the flesh you made him alive in the spirit. May Christ live today in us, in our caring, in our giving, in our speaking, in our doing. We rededicate ourselves to your service. Amen.

***HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **#558**

Verses 1, 2, 4

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has listened to our prayers and abides with us.

God's blessing rests on us as we scatter to serve.

The Spirit lives within us and among us.

We seek to live as resurrection people.

Daily God will add to your understanding if you ask.

Do not fear to seek after the truth God will reveal.

Every day can be an adventure in faith.

All our encounters can link us more closely with God.

Our Creator draws us into community.

Our spiritual journey is linked to others' stories.

Together we will seek to know God more fully.

We will remember one another in prayer. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Coro (from "Water Music")

#840

G.F. Handel

*All those who are able, please stand.

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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 66:8-20**p.51**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22**p. 1105**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14:15-21**p.983**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

BIRTHDAYS

5-17 David Mainguth & Brenton McPeak
5-18 Jim Roguski
5-19 Becca Nelson & Estelle Schneiderwind
5-20 Robert Walworth
5-21 Malia Anderson, Brad Biglow & Dave Beeksma
5-23 Tom Yankee

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King 5

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Ps. 29:2

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour: thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

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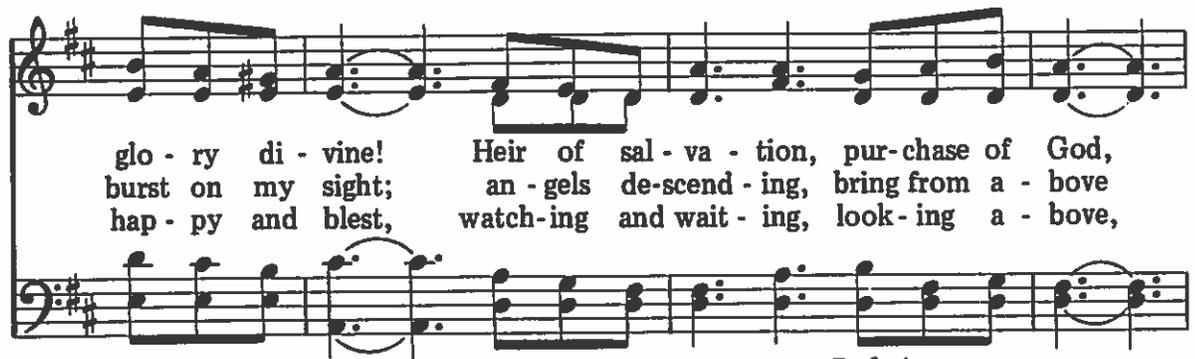
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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 514

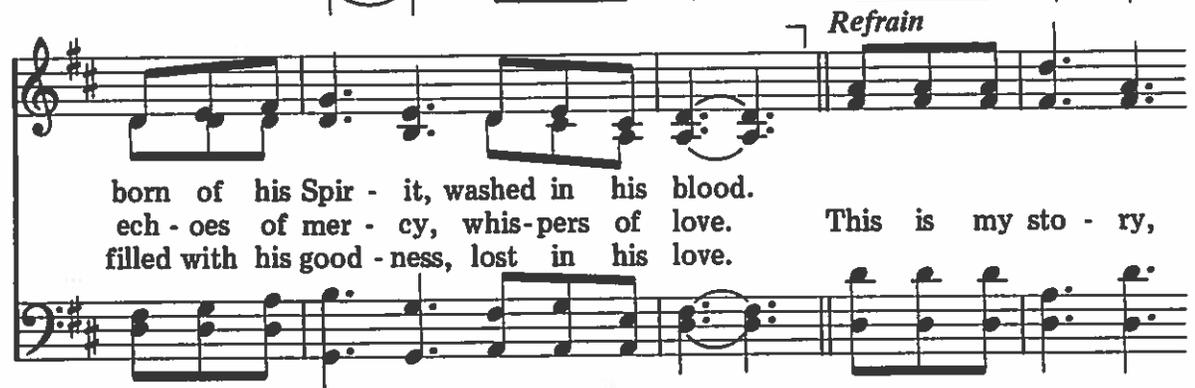
Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13



1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

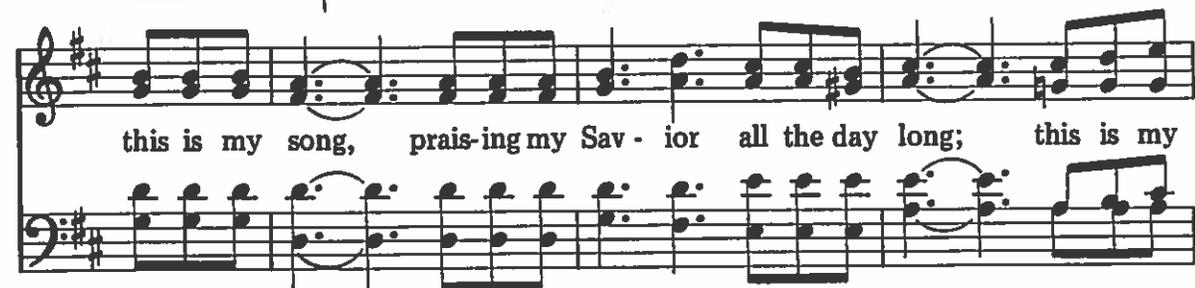


glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



Refrain

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my



sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9



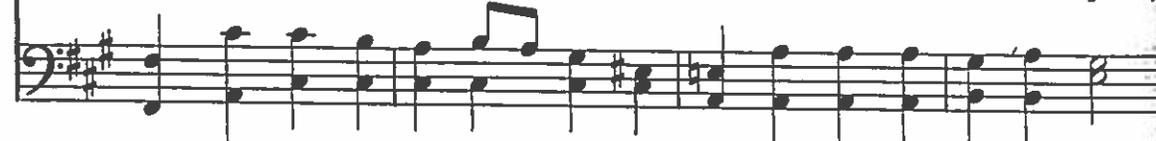
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

