

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24th, 2020

7th Sunday after Easter

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

**PRELUDE** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Luther*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**GREETING**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name

Let all the people bow down to worship God.

**God is ruler over all creation.**

**God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all.

Listen to hear God's mighty voice.

**This sanctuary is filled with God's presence.**

**Here we receive power and strength from God.**

Here we pray together for God's guidance.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

**God draws us together as one people.**

**We can experience eternity in the midst of time.**

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

We worship you with joy, awesome God. Through times of trial and suffering, your love has sustained us. You have restored our self-confidence when we floundered in doubt and fear. You have been our protector through the wilderness. Meet us now in the particular situations each of us face. Pour out your presence that we may be resources to one another, finding our oneness and our prime vocation in Jesus Christ. May our worship honor you and equip us to serve you. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #62

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing**

**your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let the righteous be joyful! The God of all grace cares about you and wants the very best for you, in company with all God's children. God restores, supports and strengthens you. God establishes you as a person of worth and as a community of faithful, loving, people. Individually and together, we are called to eternal glory in Christ, whose love we share.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Eternal Father Strong to Save John B. Dykes

**CHILDREN'S CHAT: Eileen Van Pernis**

**\*HYMN** God Will Take Care of You #619

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (p.518); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (p.1106) & John 17:1-11 (p.985)

**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** Andante *Grieg*

**\*DOXOLOGY** #809

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join you in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be your name, O God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies #562

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

The reign of God is being restored among us.

The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us.

**We are together in awe before God.**

**Now we carry our worship into our work.**

God cares for us and supports us day by day.

In all we do and say, God is present.

**We seek God's power in the skies.**

**We realize the power of God's love within.**

Go now to share that love to strengthen others.

Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities.

**God dwells among us and unites us in Christ.**

**In this faith is our deepest joy. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** March

**#840**

*G. F. Handel*

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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 68:1-10, 32-35

p.518

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those  
who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away,  
so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the  
wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to  
him who rides upon the clouds— his name is the Lord— be  
exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his  
holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious  
live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you  
marched through the wilderness, *Selah*, the earth quaked,

the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

### **32-35**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

### **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

**p.1106**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

#### **5:6-11**

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your

brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **John 17:1-11**

**p.985**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5-31 Andrew VanPernis  
6-1 Rick Korpela  
6-6 George Holevatz & Corye Hagstrom

## 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).

### A poem in tribute to Memorial Day:



I have a little poppy, as red as red  
can be, to show that I remember,  
to those who fought to make me  
free.

# 62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory . . ." 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

# 619 God Will Take Care of You

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7*

1. Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;  
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
 3. All you may need he will pro - vide, God will take care of you;  
 4. No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be - neath his wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.  
 when dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.  
 noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.  
 lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

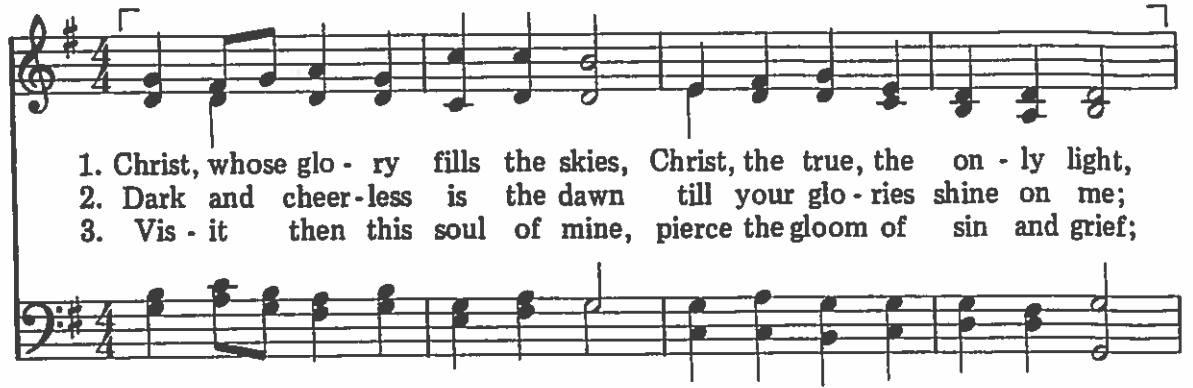
*Refrain*

God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 562

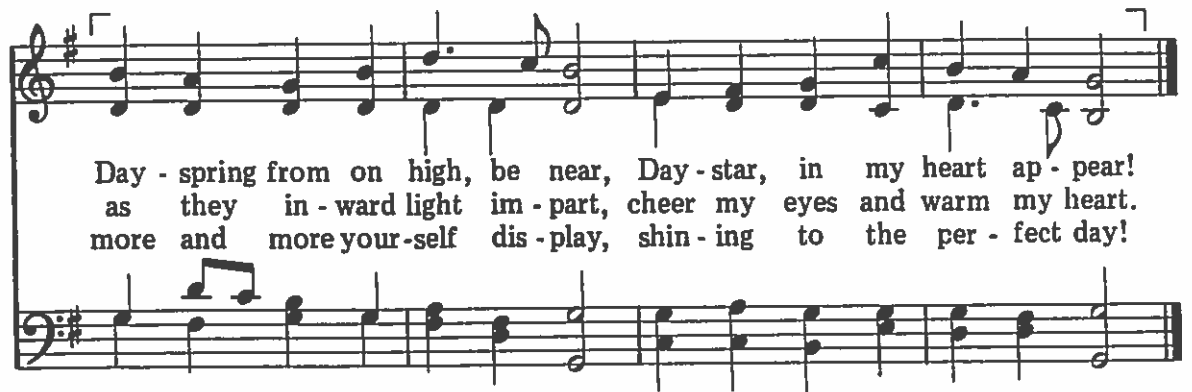
*We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . Jn. 1:14*



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,  
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;  
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:



Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!  
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.  
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

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