

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 21st, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn *Johann G. Walther*

CHORAL INTROIT

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, nations of the earth, to bow before God.

Distant galaxies proclaim the Creator of all things.

We are humbled by the wonders of creation.

We are amazed by God's mighty works.

This infinite God cares for each one of us.

God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

In our days of trouble, we call on our God.

We are confident that God listens and answers.

Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanks.

Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

God cares for us, even when others reject us.

We gather to glorify God's name.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Holy God, come to us in our distress. We are weary of conflict and long for your healing waters of forgiveness and renewal. You have sent us a teacher to draw us into discipleship, and we have found fulfillment when we are faithful to Christ's call. We long to find peace as we serve, but more often we encounter a sword. Our disagreements are many, and our capacity to forgive is strained. Send your light that we might not falter in our caring and in the proclamation of your good news. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debt so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness, How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? O God, we want to be dead to sin and alive to you. Help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we are lifted up to walk in a new life, accepted and forgiven. You can never be your old self again, for Christ has set you free. Old divisions and misunderstandings are overcome in the steadfast love of God. All who give up their self-occupied ways for Christ's sake find abundant life. This is God's gift to you today.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** I Need Thee Every Hour **#538**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-17 (p.532); Romans 6:1b-11 (p.1028) & Matthew 10:24-39 (p.886)

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 Pastorale *A. Corelli*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

For all the great and wondrous things you have done for us, O God, we are grateful. You give us strength to go on when we are troubled and discouraged. You grant newness of life as we share in Christ's resurrection. We want to pass on the good news through this offering and by the way we live each day. Lead us and guide us in your steadfast love, that we might channel your gift to all we meet. Amen.

***HYMN** There's A Wideness in God's Mercy verses 1, 3, 4 **#486**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The Teacher has called you as disciples.

Learn from Christ to serve without fear.

We expect to learn daily from our Teacher.

We commit ourselves anew to Christ's service.

You have been baptized into Christ's death.

Live, with Christ, your resurrection faith.

We are not afraid of the cross.

It calls us to fullness of life, spent for others.

Let God's love be your first awareness each day.

Let that love flow through every activity.

We bow down to glorify God's name.

We rejoice that God makes a place for our witness. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Now Let Us All Praise The Lord

#840

Johann Pachelbel

*All those who are able, please stand.

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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,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick 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 86:1-17**p.532**

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 6:1b-11**p.1028**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that

the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

p.886

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

this event is still underway.

BIRTHDAYS

6-21:	Kristin Smart, Michael Anderson, Gabe Jacobs & Jonathan Deters
6-22	Nikki Melland, AbbyTraaholt, Huxley Stadler & Kay Despard
6-23	Jocelyn Langholz, Emmett & Ethan Swanson
6-26	Jake Levings
6-27	Melvin Nelson & Amelia Jean Olson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session, at its monthly meeting held on May 27th, chose not to reopen the church building for Sunday worship. Therefore, online worship will continue to be the exclusive manner in which we will be able to worship together for the time being. Session empowered the Worship Committee to develop a plan to reopen the church within the guidelines provided by the CDC and our denominations with the safety of worshippers of primary concern.

Session will reconsider the opening of the building for worship at its next meeting scheduled for June 17th.

In addition, in light of the current cautions on public gatherings due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Session cancelled the summer worship service/picnic at Prentice Park for this year. The consensus of the Session was to not participate with other community churches in a summer vacation bible school nor move forward with the summer youth mission/adventure trip as scheduled. Session was open to some other limited youth activity to be scheduled in lieu of the mission trip. It is anticipated that a tribute to the Big Lake with social distancing and no food will occur on Lake Superior Day, but planning for

Children's Chats for the summer months...We are looking for volunteers to do children's chats this summer via video for our Sunday streaming services. If you would like to volunteer, need help with this, or need to learn how to do this please email ladams1055@gmail.com or text or call Lynn at 715-209-6784.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Details

Site: United Presbyterian Congregational Church
Address: 214 Vaughn Avenue, Ashland, WI, 54806
Room Name: Fellowship Hall
Date: Tue Jun 23, 2020
Time: 12:00 PM - 6:00: PM
Blood Program Leader Name: Shannon Metcalf

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.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 20

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 Jn. 4:16



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.



I Need Thee Every Hour 538

Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Ps. 86:1

1. I need thee ev-ery hour, most gra - cious Lord; no ten - der voice like
2. I need thee ev-ery hour, stay thou near by; temp - ta - tions lose their
3. I need thee ev-ery hour in joy or pain; come quick - ly and a -
4. I need thee ev-ery hour, most Ho - ly One; O make me thine in -

Refrain

thine can peace af - ford.
power when thou art nigh. I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I
bide or life is vain.
deed, thou bless - ed Son!

need thee; O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee!

WORDS: Annie S. Hawks, 1872
MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1872

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486 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God. Ps. 86:15



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.



WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1862
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1878

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