

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28th, 2020

4th Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE "Agnus Dei" *G. Bizet*

CHORAL INTROIT Praise the Lord *W. H. Doane*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.

We have been led to this mountain top of worship.

We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.

We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.

God has made an everlasting covenant with us.

Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Sometimes we think God has forgotten us.

Often we do not understand what God expects of us.

God deals bountifully with us in much that we take for granted.

God shows us the value of life and helps us celebrate it.

We bring our sorrows and pain to this healing time.

May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Have you forgotten God? Will you remain hidden from us forever? We speak of you, but we do not know you. We often distrust those who speak glibly of your intervention in their lives. We marvel at the amazing variety of life on this planet. All that we see with our eyes is but a small hint of all that is revealed through microscopes and telescopes - other worlds of form and beauty so amazing beyond any telling. Yet our spiritual ancestors have known you not only as Creator of all things but as to one who knows and loves each one of us. Help us to know you here today. Amen.

***HYMN** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **#502**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak

of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now. Help us, loving God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are not under law but under grace. We are being given God's great bounty as we receive the teaching of Jesus, the witness of our spiritual forebears, and the exaltation of the psalmist. God comes to us, not only from the past, but in every moment when we welcome another with even a cup of water in Christ's name. We are forgiven and renewed!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

***HYMN** I Am Thine, O Lord **#534**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 13 (p.484); Romans 6:12-23 (p.1048) & Matthew 10:40-42 (p.889)

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

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We bring our offering, not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt over having so much, but because it is such a privilege and joy to share. We offer these gifts, not to pay bills, but to enable a ministry that meets basic human needs with the good news of the gospel. May your people be empowered to give the service each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water to quench another's thirst. Amen.

***HYMN** Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him **#17**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Scatter into the world, believing God will provide.

Our service in Christ's name will be blessed.

We present ourselves for service in the world.

We seek to be instruments of righteousness.

Extend Christ's welcome to your friends.

Dare to share that welcome with strangers.

We will honor all people as God's own.

We will reach out to bless all God's children.

God's grace will be with you wherever you go.

There is delightful freedom in serving God.

We rejoice in the light we have received.

We accept with joy the tasks of discipleship. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

#840

POSTLUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

17th Century English melody

*All those who are able, please stand.

ORGANIST Myra Bliss

CHOIR DIRECTOR Diana Mann

SINGERS Rebecca Nelson, Lynn Adams, Robert Drevlow, William Handy

Church office hours Monday--Friday from 8:15 a.m. to noon

Rev. James Deters, Pastor upccpastor@gmail.com

Kate Bernardo, Administrative Assistant kate.uppc@gmail.com

Kara Nelis, Treasurer treasurer@upcchurch.org

Church office phone 715-682-3093

Website: <https://upcchurch.org>

Like us on Facebook at United Presbyterian Congregational Church

Join our Facebook group at UPCC Connection



United Presbyterian/Congregational Church

214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUMMER WORSHIP 9:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

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 13

p. 484

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Romans 6:12-23

p.1048

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

BIRTHDAYS

6-26	Jake Levings
6-27	Melvin Nelson & Amelia Jean Olson
6-28	Leo Lightner
6-29	Logan Servinsky, Keely Walworth & Anna Dufford
6-30	Elden Levings
7-2	Lincoln Wickman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online worship services to continue through August

A discussion on the resumption of in-person worship services dominated the June 17th meeting of Session. Members of Session, well aware of the desire of the church congregation to meet together for Sunday services, considered the spiritual needs of our membership through resumed services while weighing the risks to our community of faith by congregating together once again.

Session heard the report of the Worship Committee, developed from discussions with a retired physician who advises groups on public gatherings as well as information received from the CDC, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The report of the committee provided several choices for worship including:

- 1) Continuation with the live streaming of services only.
- 2) Worshipping outdoors with social distancing of family units and the continuation of live streaming for high risk individuals.
- 3) Worshipping indoors with restrictions. Some of those restrictions would include the interviewing of each attendee for COVID risks outside of the building, restricting access to one entrance, the wearing of face masks, use of hand sanitizer, and elimination of singing and unison liturgical elements of the service. Live streaming would continue for high risk individuals.

The committee, in its verbal report, noted that the pandemic risk factors are working against us at the present time even though several area congregations

have chosen to reopen for in-service worship. The committee recommended continuing with the live streaming of services only.

Session accepted the recommendation of the committee to keep the church building closed for Sunday worship and offer only live streaming of services through August 19th. Session will review this policy at its August meeting unless conditions change requiring suggesting that the policy be reviewed at an earlier date.

While Session understands that the decision will be disappointing to members of our congregation, it is also aware of media accounts of the spreading of the contagion in areas of the country in which groups have once again started to congregate, including several involving communities of faith. Our congregation consists of many individuals considered to be within the high-risk groups for COVID-19. Session believes it has a responsibility to the members and friends of the congregation to err on the side of caution and protect the safety of those who worship together.

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.

Communications Committee 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 submittal deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to info@upcchurch.org.

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-ures;
4. Through man - y dan-gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous
MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

NEW BRITAIN
C.M.

534 Draw Me Nearer

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart . . . Heb. 10:22



1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
2. Con-se-crate me now to thy serv-ice, Lord, by the power of grace di-vine;
3. O, the pure de-light of a sin-gle hour that be-fore thy throne I spend,
4. There are depths of love that I can-not know till I cross the nar-row sea;



but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be clos-er drawn to thee.
 let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
 when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I com-mune as friend with friend!
 there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.



Refrain



Draw me near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;



draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, to thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.



17 Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Ps. 148:1



1. Praise the Lord! O heavens, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels in the height;
2. Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail;



sun and moon, bow down be - fore him; praise him, shin - ing stars of light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his power pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heaven and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.

