

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 9th, 2020

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Es ist das Heil uns kommen her *J. S. Bach*

CHORAL INTROIT Revive Us Again *J. J. Husband*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.

Do not fear to meet Christ here.

We have heard the invitation.

Our hopes have brought us together.

The storms of life do not have the last word.

Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Our doubts lead to greater faith.

Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Let us call on God's name and give thanks.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

We will sing of God's wonderful works.

We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe, yet knowing ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.

***HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **#634**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and serve with faithfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O you of little faith, why do you doubt? Do not be afraid. The harsh winds will abate. The seas will not overwhelm. The treachery of some will not wipe out the good God intends. Everyone who calls on God's name will be saved. Remember God's wonderful works and share the good news. Let all humankind praise God. Praise God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM (The Stranger of Galilee)

BAPTISM Alexander Watterson Pechacek-Duffy & Maxwell Henson Pechacek-Duffy;
parents Lauren Duffy-Pechacek & Nicholas Pechacek

***HYMN** I Love to Tell the Story **#498**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (p. 544); Romans 10:5 (p.1032) & Matthew 14:22 (p.892)

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 Wenn wir in höchsten Noten sein *Johann C. Bach*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry. Amen.

***HYMN** Here I Am, Lord

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go out to share the good news, without favoritism.

Meet both friend and enemy with forgiveness and grace.

God's word is on our lips and in our hearts.

We face a dangerous world with assurance and trust.

Take heart; do not be afraid.

God is with you wherever you go.

We are assured of God's presence and protection.

We believe God's help is always available.

Let faith grow as doubts are explored.

Christ invites us to follow new pathways.

We will listen for Christ's invitation.

We will follow where God leads us. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Aus meines Herzens Grunde

#840

Johann C. Bach

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY 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 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b**p. 544**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16-22

When he summoned famine against the Land and broke every staff of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

45b

to the end that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

Romans 10:5**p.1032**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

Matthew 14:22**p.892**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

BIRTHDAYS

8/9:	Shannon Schultz
8/10	Carter Evenson
8/11	Briella Traaholt
8/13	Madison Smart & Jill Zifko

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 livestreaming of services only.
- 2) Worshiping outdoors with social distancing of family units and the continuation of livestreaming for high risk individuals.
- 3) Worshiping 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. Livestreaming 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

livestreaming 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 catching 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 submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to info@upcchurch.org.

498 I Love to Tell the Story

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Acts 8:4

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

Refrain

noth - ing else can do.
God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
I have loved so long.

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 634

This God is our God . . . he will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy power - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

iel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983

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| 1. | I, the Lord | of sea and sky, | I have heard | My peo-ple cry. |
| 2. | I, the Lord | of snow and rain, | I have borne | My peo-ple's pain. |
| 3. | I, the Lord | of wind and flame, | I will tend | the poor and lame. |

All who dwell in deep-est sin	My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them,	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them,	My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

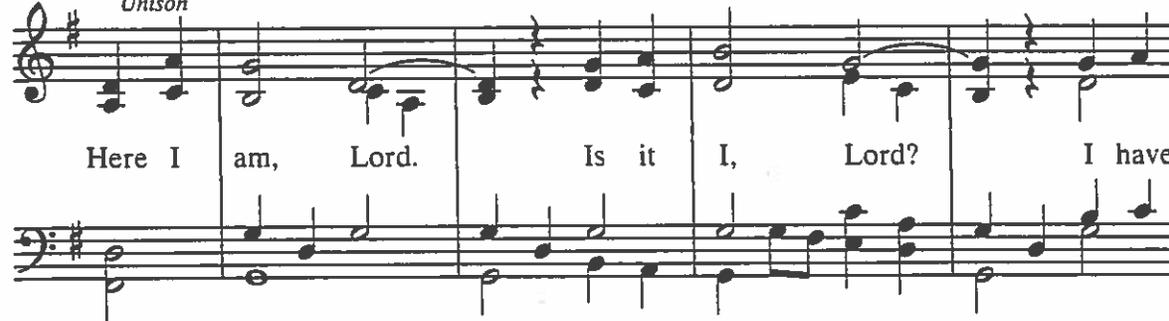
ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?



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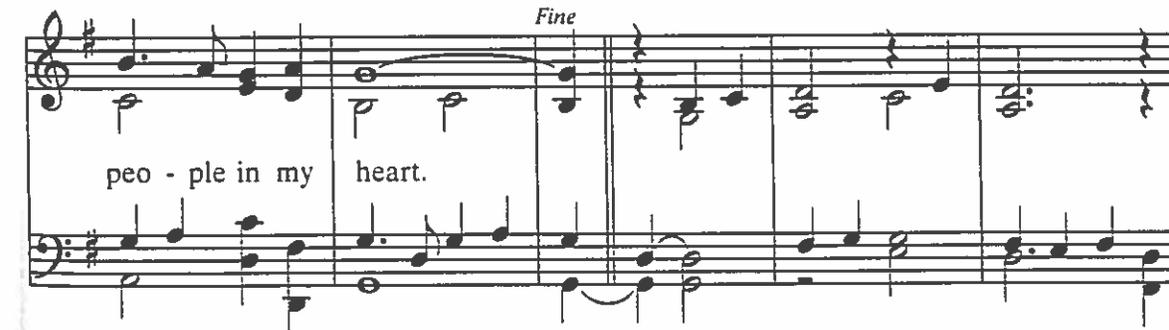
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call-ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



Fine

peo - ple in my heart.