

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**PRELUDE** Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag *J. G. Walther*

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

**GREETING** L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Why have we gathered on this holy day?

What has drawn us to this time and place?

**We have been drawn to a flame burning here.**

**We sense the glory of God in this place.**

God calls us to this time of worship.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

**Give thanks to God; sing praises.**

**Give attention to the voice of God.**

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.

In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

**We will listen for God's message to us.**

**Surely God's strength will supply our needs.**

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

We tremble to think that the Source of all life, the Creator of all worlds, is in this place, observing our worship, knowing our innermost secrets, calling us by name. O God, we dare to call on you, to bow before you, to welcome your Word. We tremble to think what you might expect of us, for we remember what you expected of Moses. You sent him against the rulers of his people to win release from oppression. You sent him from the comfortable place he knew to plead for freedom amid threatening conditions. We dare to worship you, O God, knowing that you expect much of us. Amen.

**\*HYMN** For The Beauty of the Earth **#353**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this**

**world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is ever willing to grant us forgiveness, but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. As long as we focus on preserving our own lives, protecting our advantages, we will be lost. If we want to be Christ's followers, we will deny ourselves and take up the cross, not as a burden, but as the joyous symbol of loving and giving for all the right reasons. We will overcome evil with good.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Trust in the Lord and Do Good *Paul Williams/Joseph Martin*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Pastor Jim

**\*HYMN** Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated **#568**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (p. 544); Romans 12:9-21 (p.1034);

Matthew 16:21-28 (p. 896)

**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** Adoration **F. Peeters**

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we serve one another in Christ's name. We reach out to overcome evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Will You Come and Follow Me *Insert*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Seek every day the presence we have known here.

God offers strength for every challenge we face.

**We will give thanks and call on God's name.**

**We will open our eyes to see God's daily miracles.**

God promises life in all its fullness, not earthly riches.

Life is fruitful when lived for others.

**With mutual affection, we honor one another.**

**With hope and joy, we reach out helping hands.**

Let worship continue as we pray for one another.  
May God's will be done as we overcome evil with good.

**Praise God for all the wonders of this life.**

**Praise God for opportunities to serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Postlude

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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*G. F. Handel*



**United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

**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.

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

## **Romans 12:9-21**

**p.1034**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;<sup>[b]</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;<sup>[c]</sup> for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

## **Matthew 16:21-28**

**p.896**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here

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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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** We are looking for volunteers to do children's chats 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@upcchurch.org).

## BIRTHDAYS

8/31	Sheila Korpela, Del Biglow, Bronson Clarebeuboux
9/2	Joan Solberg
9/3	Colton Evenson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Online worship services to continue through October

A discussion on the resumption of in-person worship services dominated the June 17<sup>th</sup> 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) Worshipping outdoors with social distancing of family units and the continuation of livestreaming 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



# Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated 568

*You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Cor. 6:20*



1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2. Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
4. Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move  
ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing  
ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,  
treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be



at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.  
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.  
ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

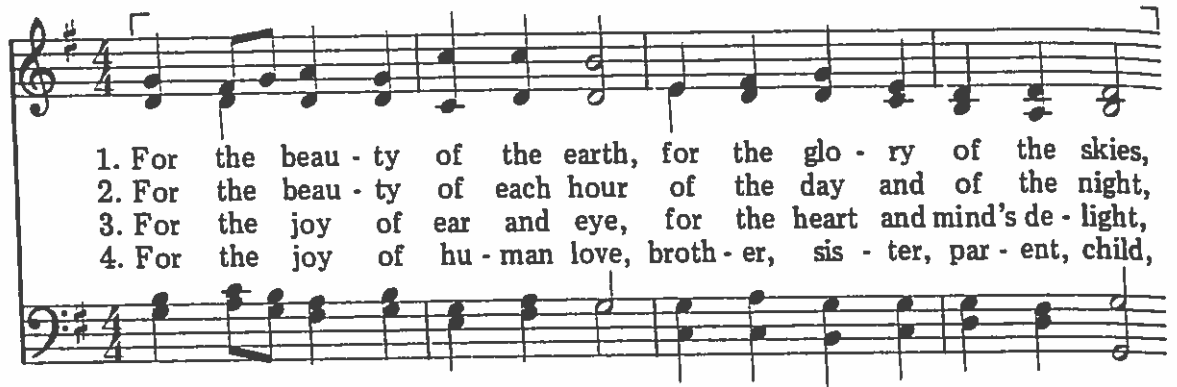
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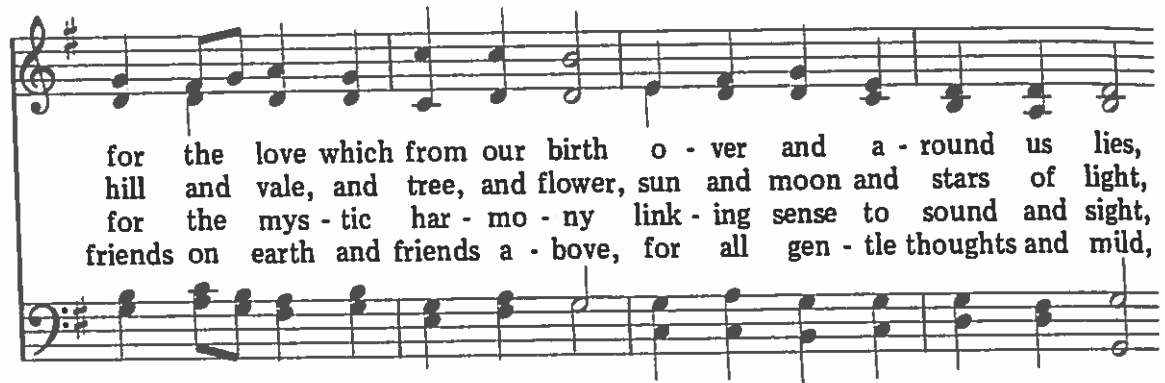


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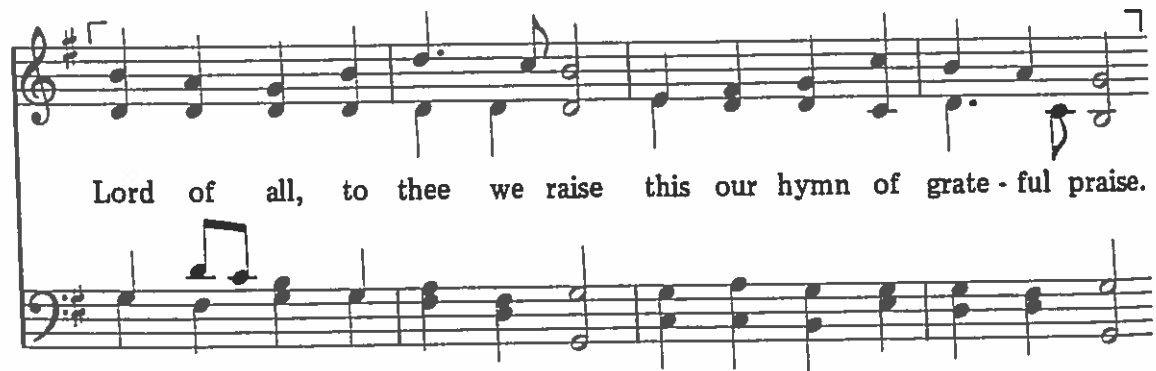
Every good and perfect gift is from above . . . Jas. 1:17



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



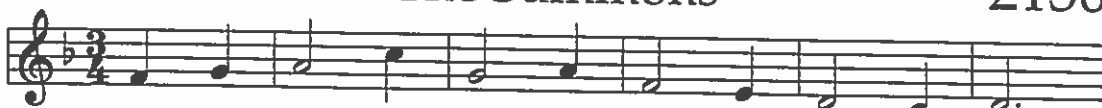
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

# The Summons

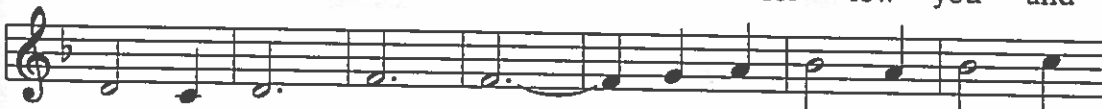
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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you  
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you  
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -  
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my  
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell  
 MUSIC: Trad. Scottish

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