

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 25th, 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *Paul Manz*

CHORAL INTROIT Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage.

Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word.

They dared to believe God's promises.

Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God's work.

They believed they were face-to-face with God's truth.

They looked beyond the present moment.

They lived for dreams not yet realized.

Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus.

They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

We have come seeking community centered in Christ.

We want to feel God's presence as we worship.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms.

Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. Amen

*HYMN The Church's One Foundation verses 1, 2, 3, 5 #689

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love so we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Where is the meaning

we have missed in in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, "Love God with all your being," and "Love your neighbor as yourself"? O God, we long to make sense out of life. Help us to follow your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It takes courage to question the way things are, especially when present arrangements are to our benefit. We, who are privileged, seldom notice those who suffer and are shamefully mistreated. Yet we cannot ignore them. We can only suppress knowledge of the evil around us for a little while. God is even now nudging gently, caring tenderly for us amid our confusion and inner turmoil. The favor of God is upon us, entrusting us with the gospel for our own lives and for the world. Receive forgiveness and blessing as good news.

*GLORIA PATRI #805

CHORAL ANTHEM The Gift of Love *Hal Hopson*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

*HYMN Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart verses 1, 3, 5 #290

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (p.191); 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (p.1075) & Matthew 22:34-46 (p.900)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *See insert*

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Lord of All Hopefulness *Charles Callahan*

*DOXOLOGY #809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen

*HYMN O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee verses 1, 2, 4 #651

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, our coming together is not in vain. God is doing a new thing among us and beyond us.

We have sensed a vision of God's plan for us.

God's sign and wonders await our discovery.

God has compassion on all who seek to serve.

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen
(Adapted from Col. 1:15–20)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all

the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday: 9:00 am Virtual Sunday school
10:30 am Virtual worship service
Monday 6:30 Deborah Circle (in-person)
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - AA meeting in Lower Lounge (in-person)
Thursday: 9:00 am Bible study in Youth room (in-person)

BIRTHDAYS

25 Karen Bressette
28 Lynn Adams & Bob Erickson
29 Leah Mann & Jill Engleman
30 Paul Van Pernis & Mary Zinnecker
31 Terry Stuart & Becky Brown

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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 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.

The Church's One Foundation 689

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 290

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross - there teach my heart to cling:
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

651 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Jesus, tired as he was from the journey . . . Jn. 4:6



1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low-ly paths of ser-vice free;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
3. Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos-er, dear-er com-pa-ny,
4. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,



tell me thy se-cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong;
in peace that on-ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.



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