

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 9th, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken

L. Smith

CHORAL INTROIT Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all who are born of God.

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.

Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

We clap our hands and sing for joy.

We live by faith that conquers the world.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Come, Holy Spirit, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Loosen our tongues to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through times of difficulty and days of despair. Calm our doubts and guide us through the mires of fear. You have called us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. We remember that we have been baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Teach us to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

***HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the

commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Praise God!

***GLORIA PATRI** #805

CHORAL ANTHEM You Are Mine Haas/Hayes

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** In Christ There Is No East or West #697

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 (p.540); 1 John 5:1-16 (p.1112) & John 15:9-17 (p.983)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed #15

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Love Divine, All Loves Excelling R. Prichard/Arr. John A. Behnke

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

***HYMN** Blest Be the Tie That Binds Verses 1, 2, 3 #708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Friends of Christ, carry God's love into the world.

You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

May the Holy Spirit inspire our words.

May God's love in Christ empower our deeds.

Sing of the victory of self-giving friendship.

Witness to the saving power of love.

In Christ, we are no longer servants but friends.

We are learning to love as we have been loved.

God judges the world with righteousness.

Our efforts are accepted with steadfast faithfulness.

We clap our hands with appreciation and joy.

The law of love is reigning in our hearts. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You *Harry Simeone*

POSTLUDE Hornpipe *G. F. Handel/David N. Johnson*

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy and catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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Psalm 98

p.540

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-16

p.1112

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory

that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a mortal sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one—to those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin that is mortal; I do not say that you should pray about that.

John 15:9-17

p.983

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

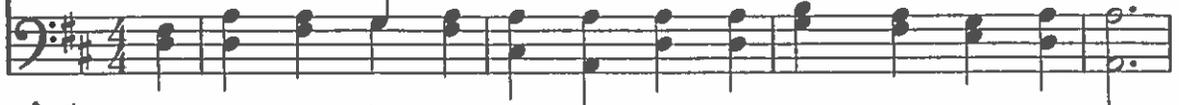
tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

In Christ There Is No East or West 697

You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2. In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;



but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.



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 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

ST. PETER
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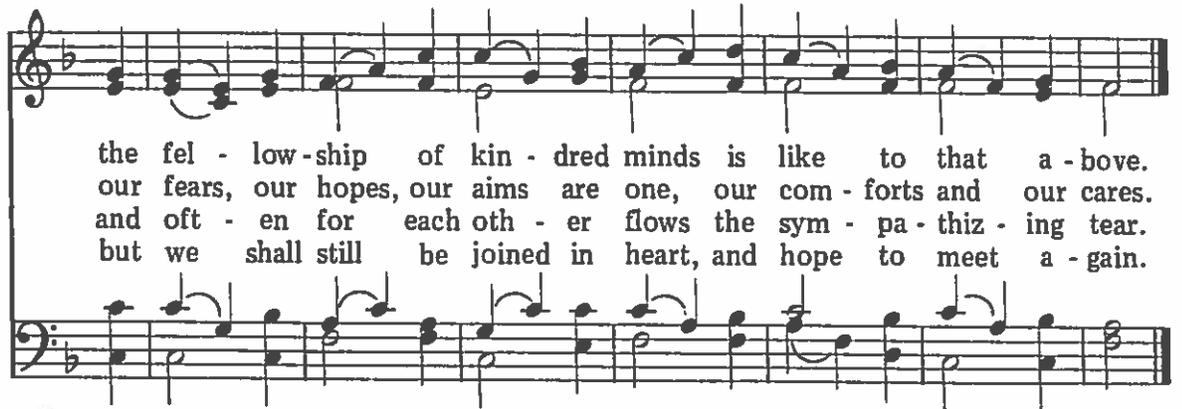
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708 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782, alr.
MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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