

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**October 10th, 2021**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Near to the Heart of God

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

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

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**Oh, that we knew where to find God!**

**We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

The word of God is living and active.

It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

**We cannot hide from God who knows us.**

**God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.

This is the time to embrace new ways.

**Here we set the patterns for everyday life.**

**Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

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

We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God. This is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Morning Has Broken **#362**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Almighty God, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over**

**imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us, and help us in our time of need. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Remember that Jesus shared our common lot and is able to sympathize with our weakness. The Man of Nazareth was tempted as we are tempted. Our confessions, both those spoken and those without voice, are no surprise to Christ, who is our great high priest. Yet we are counted as brothers and sisters in the faith and offered abundant grace and mercy. For God, all things are possible. We are forgiven!

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

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Rev. James Deters

**\*HYMN** The Church's One Foundation **#689**

**SCRIPTURE** Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (p.462), Hebrews 4:12-16 (p.1091) & Mark 10:17-31 (p.921)

**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** Pastorale

*Douglas E. Wagner*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God, among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in times of need. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine **#514**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

The God whom we have met here is with us every day.

Be open each day to what God would say to you.

**The Word of God is living and active.**

**It is sharper than a two-edged sword.**

God's Word provides judgment on our thoughts.

It reveals the intention of our hearts.

**The scriptures lead us to Jesus, our Teacher.**

**In Christ, we find support and encouragement.**

The word of God will guide you in all truth.

It will assure you of God's saving grace.

**With God, all things are possible.**

**From God, we seek to know eternal life here and now. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

\*All those who are able, please stand.

**#840**

*Richard A. Williamson*

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**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am**

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## **Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

**p.462**

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! **4** would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. **5** would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. **6** Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

## **16-17**

God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

## **Hebrews 4:12-16**

**p.1091**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our

confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Mark 10:17-31**

**p.921**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

“Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## NICENE CREED

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

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.

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# 362 Morning Has Broken

*In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. Ex. 16:7*

*Unison*

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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5.5.5.<sup>A</sup>

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# 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.

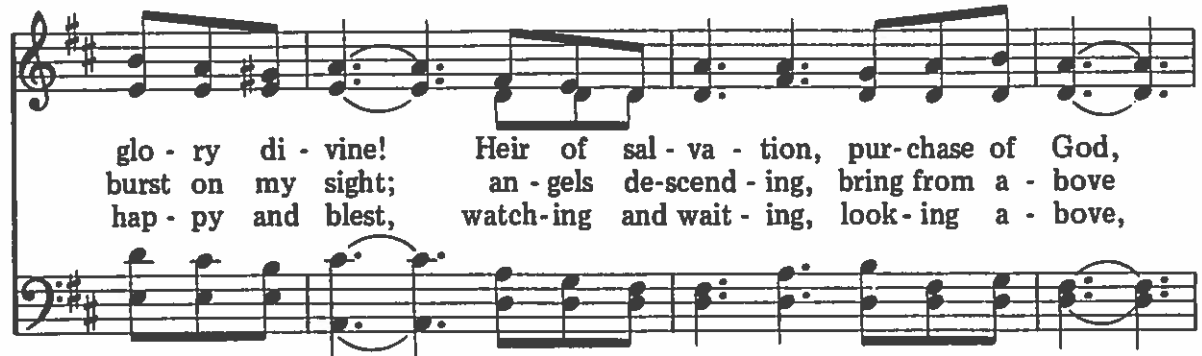


# Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 514

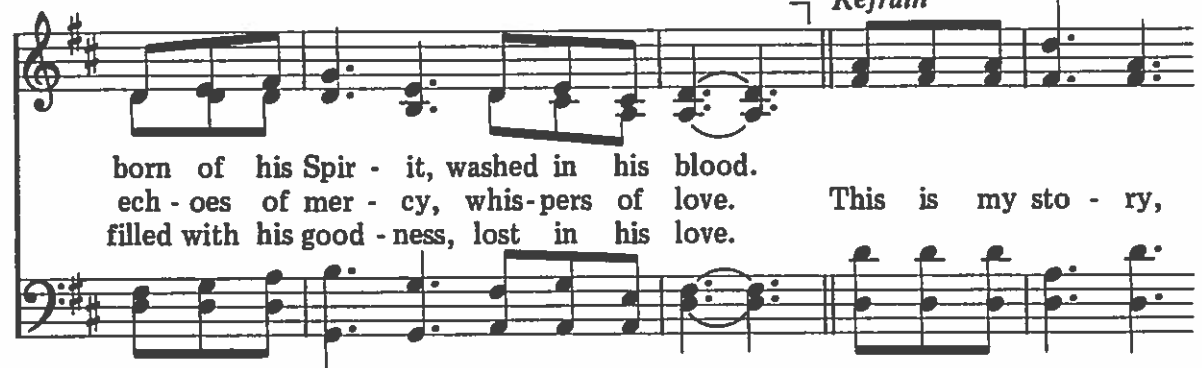
Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13



1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

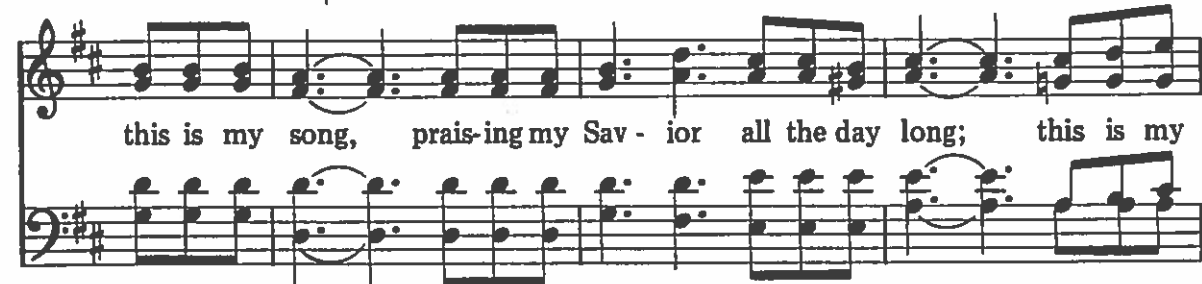


glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove  
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,



*Refrain*

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,  
 filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my



sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.