# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 5th, 2023 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Sing Praise to God
CHORAL INTROIT The Bond of Love

P. Laubengayer Otis Skillings

GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.

We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.

We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.

We humble ourselves before the God of all worlds.

We gather to remember God's commandments.

We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.

The wisdom of God is not like any other.

It draws us away from the world's agenda.

God sends us into the world with new priorities.

We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.

We are filled with the mind of Christ.

We are already citizens of God's realm.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, holy God. May our ears be attuned to know your ways. May our hearts be steady, focused on you. Praise be to you, O God, whom we worship with awe and delight. Guide us, we pray, in this time of worship. Touch us at the points of our deepest need. Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency. Make us strong to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the things of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free. Then your light will break forth like the dawn and we will experience your healing care. Amen.

\*HYMN Sing Praise to the Father

#9

Verses: 1 - All in unison 2 - Choir 3 - All 4 - All Refrains: All

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, you call out to us, saying, "Here I am," but we do not listen. You pour out on us spiritual gifts, but we do not discern them. You call us to build a more just society, but we cling to our advantages. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Help us to know and understand Jesus Christ that we might reflect the God of glory in our daily living. Create in us a generosity that reflects your own. Pour out your spirit on this congregation that we might understand and use it to build and repair and restore. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, God has prepared for all who love God and are open to the Spirit's revelations. Let the yoke be removed from among us, the pointing finger and evil speech, that we may be about the work to which God calls us: feeding the hungry, satisfying the needs of the afflicted, and building foundations of faith for future generations.

\*GLORIA PATRI #805

CHORAL ANTHEM Bread of Heaven Mock and Lopez

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. Ernie Bliss

\*HYMN It Is Well with My Soul #519

Verse 1 - CHOIR Verses 2, 3, 4 - All

**SCRIPTURE** Job 42:1-6 (p.478)

MESSAGE Rev. Ernest Bliss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES** 

**OFFERTORY** Meditation on "Canonbury"

D. Hegarty

\*DOXOLOGY

#809

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Righteous God, accept our gifts of gratitude for the dawning awareness among us of your healing presence. You have satisfied our need in patched places and made our bones strong. Now we wish to offer to the world the amazing wonders we have experienced. Let our righteousness and generosity exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Fill us with yearning for the Spirit of Christ that we might become salt and light and be empowered for good works to your honor and glory. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN Be Thou My Vision

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#### **COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

The wisdom of God empowers us to live wisely.

God's generosity prompts us to be generous.

We go forth to share what we have learned.

We reach out to give as we have received.

The Spirit has touched our spirits and changed us.

Our Spiritual awareness has been deepened.

How amazing are the gifts of God to us! We cannot hide the light God entrusts to us.

God will guide us continually.

God will satisfy our thirst with living water.

We cannot hold back our shouts of joy!

We have received the Spirit that is from God.

Amen. Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You

**POSTLUDE** Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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## **United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters** 

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

<sup>\*</sup>All those who are able, please stand.

JOB: 42:1-6 p.478

## Then Job answered the Lord:

- 2 "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
- Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know.
- 4 'Hear, and I will speak;
  I will question you, and you declare to me.'
- 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
- 6 therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

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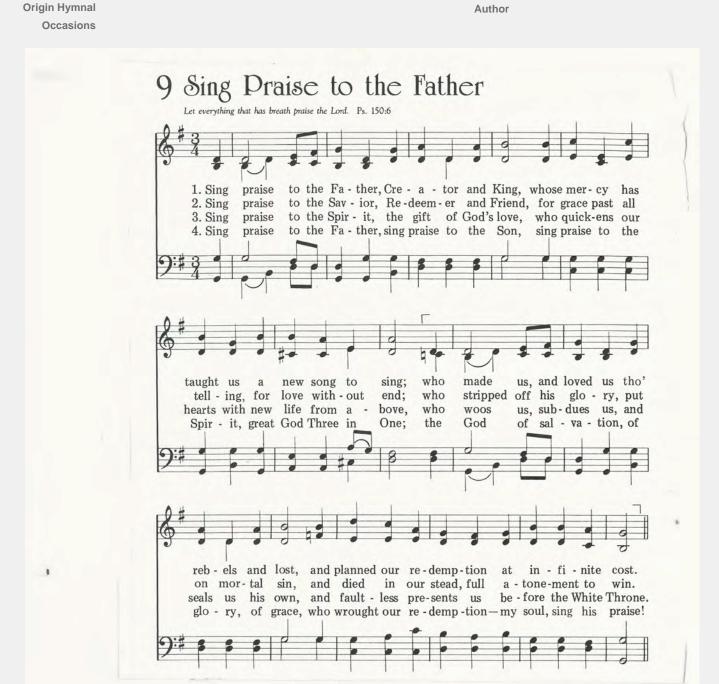
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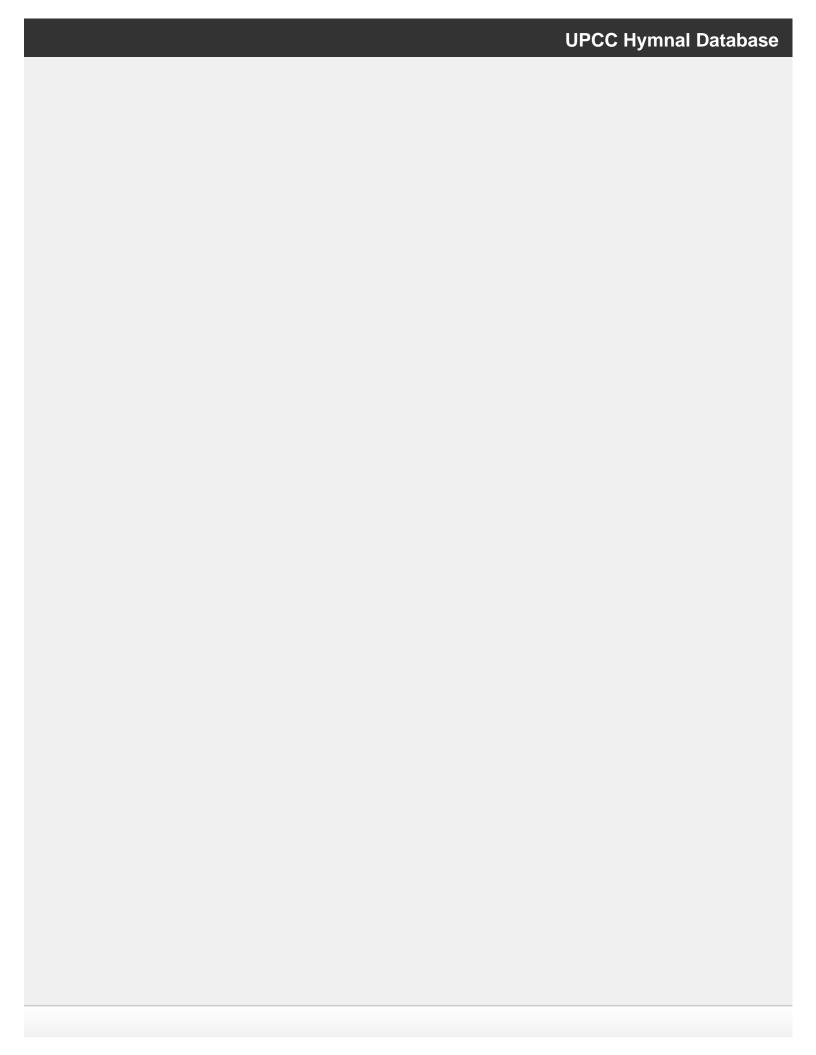
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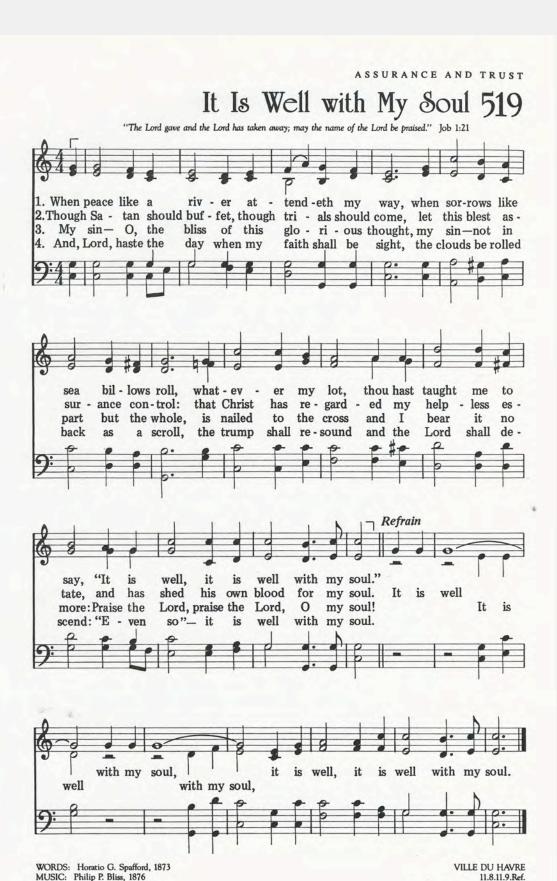
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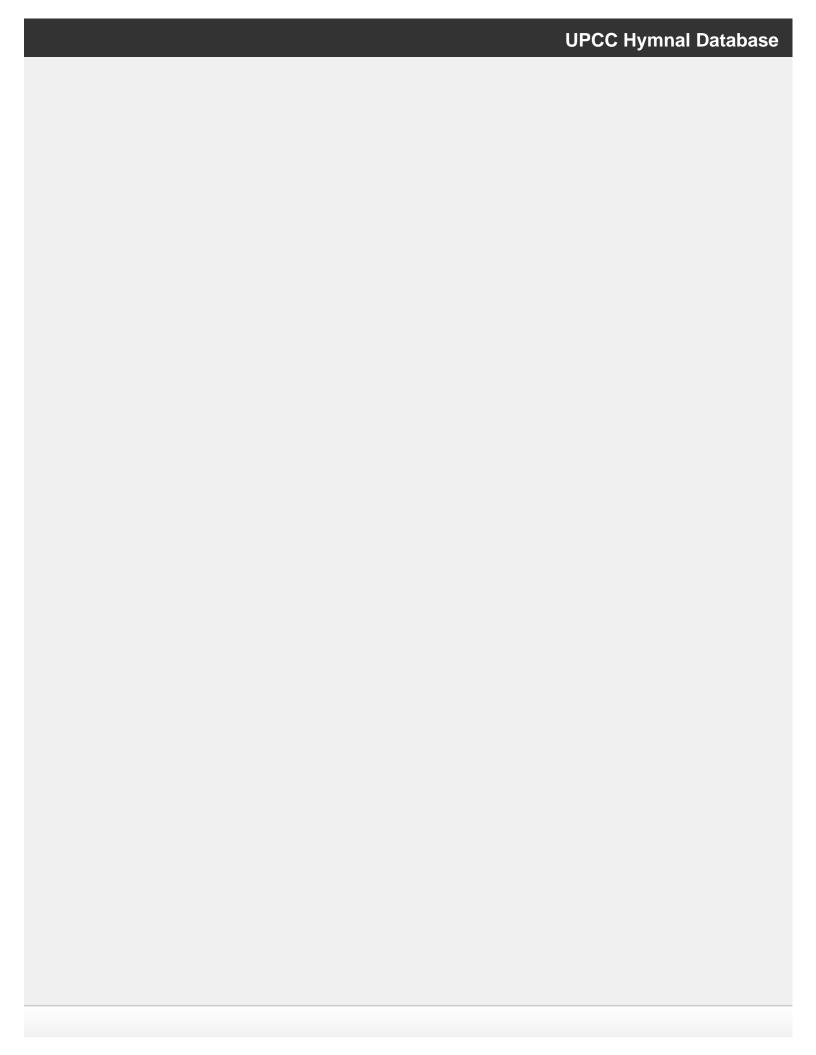
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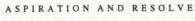
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