



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **MADISON**



**January 28, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship

L: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

P: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

L: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

P: Gather us in, the young and the old.

L: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

P: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

L: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

P: Gather us in, to know of God's love.

#### \* Opening Hymn

*Alive in You*

##### Verse 1

*From beginning to the end  
All my life is in Your hands  
This whole world may hold me down  
But it can never drown You out  
I'm not merely flesh and bone  
I was made for something more*

##### Chorus

*You are God  
You're the Great I AM  
Breath of life I breathe You in  
Even in the fire I'm alive in You  
You are strong in my brokenness  
Sovereign over ev'ry step  
Even in the fire  
I'm alive (I'm alive) in You*

**Verse 2**

*Through the dark I hear Your voice  
Rising up I will rejoice  
For I was lost but now I'm found  
'Cause even death can't hold You down*

**Bridge**

*It's no longer I who live  
But Christ who lives within me  
Christ who lives within me  
From beginning to the end  
You deserve the glory  
You deserve the glory*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we confess there are many times we forget you. We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. In thoughtless moments, we harm the earth and each other. Forgive us. Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes revealed in Christ who loves us.**

**(A moment of silence is observed.)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!**

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\* Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,  
You alone can save,  
You alone can lift us from the grave;  
You came down to find us, led us out of death,  
To You alone belongs the highest praise,  
Amen.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Children's Message

**Prayer for Illumination** by Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan  
Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 111: 1-3, 10  
1 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. 2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

**Second Scripture Reading** Mark 1: 21-28  
21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ all people here below;*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God whom we adore.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Amen!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

**...Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

*from The New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)*

# GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\* Closing Hymn

*Forever Reign*

## Verse 1

*You are good You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope  
You have covered all my sin*

## Verse 2

*You are peace You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life  
In You death has lost its sting*

## Chorus

*(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign*

Verse 3

*You are more You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go*

Bridge

*My heart will sing no other Name  
Jesus Jesus*

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.  
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,  
to be Christ's body in the world.*

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**WORSHIP LEADER**

Beth Henriques

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 4th at 11:15 am immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving committee reports, receiving the Session approved church budget, and electing church officers. This will be a hybrid meeting -- in person and via ZOOM. Details for the ZOOM link will be made available at a later date.

### **2024 ANNUAL PER-CAPITA CONTRIBUTION**

Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of governing, in how we live out our faith as a congregation and are relationally connected to our Presbytery as well as to our Synod, and General Assembly. And so every member of a Presbyterian Church can help defray this expense associated with being a member church of each Presbytery. Your PCMadison's contribution this year is \$42.50 per member. The amount is the same as last year. Please help us to defray this cost. You may write a check to the church and write "Per Capita" on the memo line. Thank you very much.

### **IFP FACT**

Besides a drastic increase in the price of food, in 2023, IFP experienced a 30% year-over-year growth in new clients each month.

Wow ... these are our neighbors right here in Morris County! We can make a difference one individual, one can, one food item at a time! Please drop off one item - just one - in Doris's Wagon (by the church office) or the basket in the narthex. Be the individual who makes a difference.

### **COMING FEBRUARY 11-TACKLE HUNGER!**

Everyone has an opportunity to be a Souper Bowl champion this day when our PCM youth host our annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Dollars or food items, whatever works for you, works for our neighbors who rely on the Interfaith Food Pantry for their next meal. Join us!

### **SAVE THE DATE-ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 14**

An Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm.



## **PRAYER LIST**

- Jim Kakalettris, father of Jen Kakalettris Boyar, who had surgery at Overlook Hospital
- Declan, a six year old grandson
- Larry who is receiving new treatment for cancer
- Madison Patrolman Renato Capillas and his family as his father continues his recovery in a rehab facility
- Brian Peterson, returning to work and continuing recovery from back surgery
- Bill, father of Sara Burnet, and for his wife, Jeri Ann, and Sara
- Eduard Mostert, recovering at home after serious bike accident in September
- Zoelle, recently diagnosed with a serious form of breast cancer
- Philip, who recently moved to Sunrise Assisted Living, and his wife Ruth
- People caught on both sides from ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia; continuing work toward peace; continuing release of captured soldiers from both sides
- Continuing loss of life in Gaza from ongoing war between Israel and Hamas; release of hostages held by Hamas and working toward peaceful ending
- All those dealing with division, hatred, prejudice and racism here and around the world, especially the increase of violence being experienced by Jews and Muslims since the escalation of war
- William Christopher for a full recovery from hip surgery and Donna, his loving daughter and caregiver
- Deborah for healing from grief and to feel joy in her heart again
- Pat for a new job that will relieve her stress and unhealthy environment in her current job
- Esther for strength, hope, and healing as she goes through cancer treatment
- Kiarnan and Brian dealing with mental health issues and their families
- Brian and continued success with migraine treatment
- Len who is battling cancer
- Ed for continued healing from a serious leg break, for strength and a positive spirit

- Ben, who is back in Florham Park Middle School after treatment for cancer
- All those experiencing losses of life and property from natural disasters
- All those dealing with job loss and job insecurity
- Humanity to have the wisdom, compassion, and resourcefulness to adapt to living in a new climate era

## NOTES

**WELCOMING ALL  
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY  
CENTERED IN CHRIST,  
GROWING IN FAITH,  
SERVING IN JOY, AND  
LIVING IN GRATITUDE**

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**Anna D'Achille**  
Director of Music

**Worship**  
Sunday Service 10:15 am

**Session**

**Corinne Bowen**  
**Stephanie Haedrich**

**Becky Moody, Clerk**  
**Jim Burnet**  
**Mary-Anna Holden**

**Jennifer Groller**  
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