

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

May 24, 2020

* indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.

Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Rejoice and sing to God.

All: **We sing of the Risen Christ.**

One: Clap your hands and shout with joy.

All: **We rejoice in the living God.**

One: Celebrate this day.

All: **We celebrate with the Spirit who calls us here.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we come to sing your praises and to strengthen our faith. Help us find our courage and strength when we need it most. Help us reclaim our faithfulness when we are filled with doubt. Help us discover our hope when we are plagued by worry and despair. For the gift of resurrection, we give you thanks and praise. With joyous gratitude, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

*HYMN "Cares Chorus" (2X) TFWS #2215

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Now is the right time! Time to listen and learn. Time to dig deep and find courage and strength. Time to receive grace and let that grace grow into faith and love.

Now is the right time to listen and learn the Word of God.

THE HEBREW READING Psalm 9:9-20 O.T. Pg. 476

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 6:1-10 N. T. Pg. 159

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 4:35-41 N.T. Pg. 37

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Is Jesus Asleep in Your Boat?" Rev. Bob Leibold

*HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. (From UMH page 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we often confuse might with right, power with strength, and ego with faith. Unravel the cords of our confusion and help us find the courage: to recognize our giftedness, to hear and answer your call. When our courage wanes, strengthen us. When our faithfulness falters, lift us up. For we are ready to receive your grace. We are eager to live with courage and faithfulness as we journey as your disciples.

ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Within each of us, there is a war between faith and doubt. But fear not! Trust in God, and you will find your courage and faith. For we are the children of God. We shall overcome our doubts and worries with the mighty power of love and grace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Loving God, you have made us your people, so that we may speak of your wonderful acts. With gratitude for all we have received, we have come to offer our gifts to you.

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Grant us the courage, O God, to recognize the gifts you have given us and to faithfully share these gifts with others. As we share these gifts generously and lovingly, bless them and strengthen us in our giving, that your love may be multiplied. May our faith grow to bless your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go to calm the storms.

All: We go to serve and love where we are needed.

One: Go with God, who calms the storms.

All: We go to serve and love where God sends us.

One: Go share the good news!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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