

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

July 19, 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: We wait with hope,

All: **for God's promises are sure.**

One: We wait with patience,

All: **for God's time is a mystery.**

One: Come and worship.

All: **We will wait upon the Lord together.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **Holy God of mystery and miracles, reveal your presence to us, as we gather in worship. Send your Holy Spirit to descend upon us, as angels once descended to Jacob. Raise our thoughts, that we may reflect on your promises and trust with hope in promises yet to come. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

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A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We have heard your word spoken. Now, may that word grow in our hearts and our lives, that we may work together to build a world where all may share God's abundant life. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"God's Imperfect Garden"

Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN

"You Are Mine"

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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

Patient, Loving God, when we are groaning and griping, comfort us and forgive our shortcomings. When we are doubting and afraid, comfort us and reveal your promises to us. Help us trust with hope, and wait with patience, even as you patiently love us with your mercy and your grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

We have this hope: God's promises are sure, and Christ's mercy is ours. All is well. All will be well.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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