

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10 a.m. *Blessing Children & Youth* August 16, 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: When hatred and division separate us,

**All: God's love binds us together.**

One: When quarrels estrange us from one another,

**All: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

One: When we feel excluded and left out,

**All: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

One: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

**All: God's grace restores our hope.**

One: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

And together let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity as your beloved children. When those we love hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and find the balm of forgiveness. When we feel abandoned by those we trust, help us seek your peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us find those who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN *"Jesus Loves Me"* UMH #191

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

BLESSING CHILDREN AND YOUTH Rev. Jane Kim

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 Psalm 133

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"One Woman's Faith May Have Changed Everything!"* Tim Gill

\*HYMN *"In Christ Alone"* TFWS #3104

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

**Merciful God, we yearn to weep with forgiveness. But we fear that our anger and resentment would lead us to take retribution on those who have wronged us. We long to see in people a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss others, as Jesus' disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O God, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those we would rather live without.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Rejoice in the knowledge of God's saving love.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

**Christ reminds us that our treasures, our gifts from God, are most beneficial when they are used for the kingdom of God. May this be the time when we bring forth our gifts to be blessed by God.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*      UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Bountiful God, when famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with dreams that saved children of every nation. Faithful One, when hunger threatens our world, you bless us with dreams that we can save the children of our day. Bless this offering, that your dreams for a world without want may bless the lives of your children. Accept these gifts, as a token of our dreams and our commitment to make all people one in your holy name. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (verses 1,3, & 4)*      UMH #64

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One:    The God of dreams has brought us together.

**All:    The God of dreams sends us forth to love one another well.**

One:    The God of love has knit us together in unity.

**All:    The God of love sends us forth to heal our divisions.**

One:    The God of hope sends us forth together.

**All:    The God of peace sends us forth to bring the world home.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

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**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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