

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals

August 23, 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: We belong to God.

One: The Lord is on our side!

All: We fear nothing.

One: God will keep us safe.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Blessed be the Lord!

All: The Lord is on our side!

One: And together let us pray.

All: Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love.

Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH #601

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

Genesis 1:20-26

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Dominion Over All the Living Creatures"

Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

UMH #378

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

Maker of heaven and earth, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for you and your people. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness. We are bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all that we are to God. As the body of Christ, with true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

WEEKLY OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“We Are Marching”

TFWS #2235b

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Resist the powers that use people.

All: Hear the cries of the weak.

One: Go in peace knowing that God is your help.

All: We go knowing that God will bring us new life.

One: You are blessed by God and sent to serve.

All: Amen.

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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