

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10 a.m.

*Blessing College Students*

August 9, 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: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God's holy name.

All: **Rejoice in the Lord. God fills our hearts with joy.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim God's mighty works.

All: **Rejoice in the Lord. God's miracles are a wonder to behold.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord. Trust in God's salvation.

All: **Rejoice in the Lord. God turns even our failings into glory.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, you come to us, offering us glimpses of new possibilities. Rescue us from life's storms, and lift us from the raging waters. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

*"Grace Alone"*

TFWS #2162

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 25:1-7

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

THE HEBREW READING

Joshua 1:9

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Be Strong and Be Courageous"*

Rev. Jane Kim

*Blessing College Students*

\*HYMN

*"You Raise Me Up"*

V1

When I am down, and, oh, my soul, so weary  
When troubles come, and my heart burdened be  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until you come and sit awhile with me

Chorus

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be

V2

There is no life no life without its hunger  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly  
But when You come and I am filled with wonder  
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity

Chorus

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be

Chorus

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
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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 CONFESSIOIN

**Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. God of infinite possibilities, grant us the courage to believe that through your power anything is possible. Forgetting your presence within us, we were trapped within the prison of our feelings of helplessness. We were like a boat that is beaten by the storm. Today, give us the strength to live with confidence, even when the world turns against us, that we may always be found faithful. You have shown yourself faithful to your people generation after generation. Help us to be strong in the Lord and to rely on you in all the problems of life that we may face. Knowing that you are with us, wherever we go. Amen.**

**WORD OF ASSURANCE**

Christ's love is greater than our deepest failings. "The scripture says, 'Nor one who believes in him will be put to shame.'... For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" Today, God gives us the strength to live with confidence, even when the world turns against us. Therefore, we praise the Lord our God!

**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**

**Loving God, your mercies know no bounds. May our lives reflect the same mercy you have shown us. And may our offering be a sign of our faithfulness to you, O God our savior and deliverer. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN                    *"Here I Am, Lord"*                    UMH #593

**\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

One: God blesses us with strength for the journey.

**All: Our hearts sing God's praises.**

One: Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.

**All: Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.**

One: The Spirit guides us with dreams full of hope and promise.

**All: Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful.**

One: Thanks be to God!

**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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