

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

10 a.m. *Church Re-opening Sunday* September 13, 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.***

GREETING

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!**

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Jane  
Kim and Sunday School Superintendent Nancy Mattson

SPECIAL SONG OF WELCOME

CUMC Adult Choir

*"Welcome"*

*by Mark Miller*

1. Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin,  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace, singing welcome,

(Refrain) Welcome to this place. You are invited to come and God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;  
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feat,  
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,  
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, singing welcome,

(Refrain)

3. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,  
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem, where mourning turns to dancing,  
Every creature lifts its voice, crying welcome.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Welcome to all who gather here and now in this place.

**All: Creator God, we come together again as part of your family.  
With our hearts and voices, we come before you now and  
sing praises to your name.**

One: We sing to God's mercy and grace.

**All: We praise God with laughter and joy.**

One: In song and prayer we worship you, God of Jubilation!

**All: Praise God with feasting and dance.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Joyful God, we give you thanks for the lives and the stories of those who have gone before us. We celebrate the stories that we, too, live as your people. We come before you ready to hear your word, ready to respond to your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLE: *Children's Message*

\*HYMN

*"Pharaoh, Pharaoh"*

*Well a burning bush told me just the other day*

*That I should come over here and stay*

*And get God's people out of Pharaoh's hands*

*And lead them all to the promised land.*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh oh baby let my people go.*

*Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh oh baby let my people go.*

*Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!*

*Well Me and God's people are coming to the Red Sea*

*And Pharaoh's army's coming after me*

*I raised my rod, stuck it in the sand*

*And all of God's people walked across the dry land*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh oh baby let my people go!*

*Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh Oh baby let my people go!*

*Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!*

*Pharaoh's army was a coming too*

*So what do you think that I did do?*

*I raised my rod and I cleared my throat. Uh Hmmm*

*And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh oh baby let my people go!*

*Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!*

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh oh baby let my people go!*

*Ya! Ya! Ya! Ya!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, your word is a lamp to our feet. 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

Exodus 14:19-31, 15:1b-11, 20-21

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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

**Loving God, hear us. We confess that through things we have done and things we have not done, we have failed you and have failed each other. We are sorry that we have sometimes caused hurt to other people, and that our faith is sometimes weak. Loving God, hear us. We are sorry that we passed judgment on others, have treated others badly or said words that cause pain or sorrow. Loving God hear us and in your love, heal us. God of mercy and love, we are truly sorry and ask for a new beginning so that we may live in your way. Loving God in your love, be with us. Amen.**

### WORD OF ASSURANCE

Our God is a loving a forgiving God, ready to give hope and assurance, ready to give strength and salvation. Here is good news for all people: We are forgiven! Let us forgive others with all our hearts.

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

SERMON                    “Into the Sea”                    Rev. Jane Kim

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

**Offering our gifts to God is a holy act. In this sacred moment, let us offer our gifts and our lives to the holy work of God.**

### WEEKLY OFFERING

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

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Merciful God, transform this offering into hope and joy for a troubled world. Receive the blessings we return to you this day, and transform our ministries into instruments of your grace. Through our giving, may places of sorrow and mourning know the sound of love and laughter. Through our living, mold us into your people – a people of promise and hope, a people who live and die in the Lord. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN                    *Awesome God*                    UMH #176

### \*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As you go forth from this place, plunge into the waters of life unafraid,

**All: for God goes with us. Move forward in life with purpose and passion, for Christ is our guide and guardian.**

One: Live as people of powerful hope, for the Spirit renews us each and every day.

**All: We go with God’s blessings.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

*PLEASE JOIN CUMC COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.*

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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