#### ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

## Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

\* indicates stand if you are able

#### 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!

## WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN

"Love the Lord your God"

Andrew Esposito – Guitar/ Vocals

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your soul, with all your strength

I will serve you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength I will serve you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength I will serve you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength

I will love you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength I will love you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength I will love you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

- One: Sisters and brothers Arise!
- All: We will lift our hearts. (Touch heart and lift arms toward heaven)
- One: Lift your eyes. (Look up)
- All: We will lift our voices. (Speak a little louder)
- One: The living God.

The living moving Spirit of God has called us together -

- All: in witness, in celebration, in struggle.
- One: Reach out toward each other. (Extend arms in the direction of those seated near you)
- All: Our God reaches out toward us! (Extend arms up toward heaven) Let us worship God!
- One: And together let us pray.
- All: God of love, we are so very grateful that you love us unconditionally. Help us to love you too and to love our neighbors as well as ourselves. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

# A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

"The Ten Commandment Boogie"

# 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.

SCRIPTURES

SONG

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:15-40

The word of God for the people of God

# Thanks be to God

## SERMON:

From Debate to Denunciation: Battle for the Sake of Love Kim Gill

# 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

Almighty God, forgive us when we fail to love you. Forgive us when our selfish needs and wants are put first. Help us make time to reach out to you in prayer, in reading of the scriptures, and in worship. We want you to be our FIRST priority in every aspect of our lives. Help us to be trailblazers for the truth in a world that is so desperate for the truth. Walk with us as we serve you and our neighbors. Give us the strength to love people we find difficult to love. Forgive us where we fall short and fill us with your loving Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Like Moses, Paul and Martin Luther, God walks with us as we blaze a trail for Him. Walk with confidence knowing the Spirit of God empowers and guides us as we bring the truth and love of Christ to a lost world.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Let us give to the Lord with joy in our hearts for the blessings we have received. The Pharisees gave their tithe down to the smallest spices, dill, cumin and mint but lacked the more important gifts of faith, mercy and justice. Let us give of our bounty with faith and love for God and others. Amen

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

The Offering plates will be placed by the entrance to the sanctuary and altar for your use upon entering or leaving worship.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Coming Home" CUMC Adult Choir

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

#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Chorus

We have heard what we must do: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." May the offerings we bring this day be a sign of our commitment to you Lord and to our neighbor. Bless these offerings and help our church continue to be a beacon of love in the community and in the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN

"El Shaddai"

El Shaddai El Shaddai El Elyonna Adonai Age to age You're still the same By the power of the name El Shaddai El Shaddai Erkamkana Adonai We will praise and lift You high El Shaddai Verse 1 Through Your love and through the ram You saved the son of Abraham Through the power of Your hand You turned the sea into dry land To the outcast on her knees You were the God who really sees And by Your might You set Your children free Verse 2 Through the years You made it clear That the time of Christ was near Though the people couldn't see What Messiah ought to be Though Your Word contained the plan They just could not understand

#### **\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

Go into the world in peace, Love God Lift up your arms Love yourself *Place your hands over your heart* Love others Stretch your arms out in a welcoming gesture. In everything that you do, know that God, the source of love, Jesus Christ, the example of love, and the Holy Spirit, the bearer of love, will be with you always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Be safe and well. Until we meet again, we pray for the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

### PLEASE JOIN CUMC ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED** 

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS** 

100 Park Boulevard, Massapequa, New York 11758 • (516) 541-7008 October 25, 2020 COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. Rita Lieberman Secretary Jeong-Hwa Park Minister of Music Rev. Jane H. Kim Pastor