

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

November 15, 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: God calls us to use our gifts for the building of God's kingdom.

All: **But we're afraid.**

One: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

All: **But our gifts seem so small.**

One: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

All: **But what if we fail?**

One: Trust the gifts you have been given.

All: **We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer, you know the seasons of our lives. Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away, that we may be reborn in your light. Lead us into a season of light and warmth: a season of joy; a season where your children clothe themselves in the breastplate of faith and hope, and the helmet of hope and salvation. Help us live to as children of light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

*HYMN

"Give Thanks!"

TFWS #2036

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 EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 123

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Into Joy"

Rev. Jane Kim

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

Faithful Steward, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We long to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that you have done for us and the opportunities you place before us. Clear our vision, Holy One, and help us see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice for our gifts and talents. Hear these words of assurance: "Well done, good and trustworthy servant. Enter into the joy of God's glory."

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"From the Day You Were Born"

Russell Nagy

CUMC Adult Choir

From the day you were born, I have been here beside you.

As your life passes by, I will stand by your side.

Tho' today, as you try, you may worry and sigh,

Every day, hear me say, "Here am I."

Here am I, Come to me; take my hand: new life is free.

Please believe me, Receive me, Together, forever we will be.

Every Day for all time, when you call, I am near you.

When you are lost, here am I, standing right by your side.

Every time when you cry, when you ask yourself "Why?"

Every day, hear me say, "Here am I."

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Giver of gifts, you bestow us with talents that are far more precious than jewels.
Transform the gifts we offer this day into light and love for the world. Transform our
talents into blessings for a world in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "Lord Of the Dance" UMH #261

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Clothed in faith and showered in love,

All: we go forth, shining with God's light.

One: Washed in joy and bathed in hope,

All: we go forth, radiant with Christ's love.

One: Blessed with gifts far more precious than jewels,

All: we go forth, blazing with the fire of God's Spirit.

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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