

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

10 a.m.

February 21, 2021

*\* indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

Introit "My Life Is In Your Hands" Kirk Franklin/arr. Caro; Cymbala

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid.  
Joy comes in the morning, troubles, they don't last always.  
There's a Friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,  
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say,

(Refrain)

"Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.  
With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands."

When your tests and trials, they seem to get you down  
And all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found.  
Remember there's a Friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,  
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say,

(Refrain)

**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 "How Great Thou Art" Verses 1, 2 & 4 UMH #77

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

One: When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters...

**All: to see the heavens splitting open and the Spirit soaring down like a dove.**

One: When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River,  
he stood up from the waters and heard:

**All: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

One: When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters...

**All: to walk a new path and to call the world to join him.**

One: Here comes God's kingdom. Teach us your path, brother Jesus. Now is the time!  
And together let us pray.

**All: Creator and Sovereign, our world and our lives are often full of threat. We return to you in this place today to be reminded that you do not abandon us to the hare realities of our lives. You are the one who saves us. You are the one who faithfully teaches us your life-giving ways. You are the one who instills courage within us to stand up from the waters of our baptism and to walk your**

**path. Enter our hearts and lives for your powerful purposes, in the name of our baptized brother Jesus and the soaring Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

\*HYMN "Cares Chorus" (2X) TFWS #2215

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

THE PSALM READING Psalm 25:1-10

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What Life?" Rev. Jane Kim

\*HYMN "It is Well with My Soul" UMH #377

**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**

**God of faithful love and powerful purpose, there are times when we are open to your leading – times when we walk the path of Jesus with courage and hope, even when doing so is fearful. At other times, we close ourselves off, hoping that you won't tear open the skies and disrupt our lives completely. Following Jesus can be pretty risky. Your compassion and faithful love claim us forever, as they claimed Jesus when he entered the Jordan and made a bold decision to follow you on a new and uncertain path. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Yes, God's compassion and love are forever! What God said of Jesus at his baptism, God says to us today: You are my dearly loved children, whom I love deeply. God forgives us and loves us dearly, now and forevermore.

**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**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                    *“Above All”*                    *by Paul Baloche/Lenny LeBlanc*  
*Debbie Holland and Chelsea Quinn – Vocal Duet*

Above all powers, above all kings,  
above all nature and all created things:  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
above all wonders the world had ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
there's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

\*DOXOLOGY                    *“How Great Thou Art” (Refrain only)*                    UMH #77

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Because you are the God who saves us, we give you these gifts. Take our lives and our gifts and use them to save our world. We put our hope in you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN                    *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*                    Insert

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: God continues to tear open the heavens of our world  
and our lives, calling out with a voice of love:

**All: “You are beloved children, whom I love deeply.”**

One: God continues to tear open the heavens of our world  
and our lives, sending us onto new paths and missions.

**All: God changes our hearts and lives,  
and the Spirit pushes us in new directions.**

One: “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom!”

**All: We are Jesus people. We are kingdom people. Now is the time! Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

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

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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