

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

February 28, 2021

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

Introit *"Above All"* by Paul Baloche/Lenny LeBlanc

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.

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 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* UMH #278

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

All: Blessed be the Lord, our God.

One: God leads us back onto the paths of life.

All: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

One: The Holy Spirit guides our steps and sets before us the ways of life and death.

All: Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.

One: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

All: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Spirit of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes, as you once called Abram and Sarai long ago. Train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice. As we pick up our cross to follow you, raise us to newness of life. For you call us to be children of your covenant, and disciples of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN *"My Life Is in You, Lord"* TFWS #2032

SERMON *"Restore Us O God!"* Rev. Jane Kim

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 HEBREW READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 4:13-25

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

Name above all names, visit us in our dreams and shake us from our walking nightmares. For we are tired of stumbling in the dark, blindly following human teachings and placidly heeding human advice. When we lose our way and wander from your path, we need your love to heal us and your grace to complete us. When the forces of destruction close around us, grant us the strength to follow Christ. Love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life, through your faithful and transforming love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross, we find ourselves. By saying yes to the good news of Christ's spirit, we find faith and wholeness.

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 *"God So Loved the World"* John Stainer/arr. Benjamin Harlan

CUMC Adult Choir

God so loved the world, He so loved that he gave his only begotten son,
that all who believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn.
But that through Him we might be saved.

