

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m. *UMCOR Sunday* March 14, 2021

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

Introit *"Lamb of God"* Twila Paris / Arr. Craig Courtney

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Refrain)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I loved the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in Your precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to Your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

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 Three" Verses 1, 2 & 4* UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: God is good.

All: All the time.

One: And all the time,

All: God is good.

One: Let all God's people cry out in joy:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord of our salvation.

And together let us pray.

All: God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring his life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN *"On Eagle's Wings" (2x)* UMH #143

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 Numbers 21:4-9

THE PSALM READING Psalm 107:17-22

THE EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Who is Rich in Mercy?"*

Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN *"Grace Alone"*

TFWS #2162

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

Gracious God, we are tired of our own grumbling. Though we run around like errant children, We long to return to your warm embrace. Though we act as if the odds are stacked against us, we yearn to rest in the knowledge that your steadfast love endures forever. Though we crouch in the shadows, we long to feel the warmth of your love shining upon us each day. Lead us from the death into life, that we might live as children of light, and serve one another as heirs of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn it, but that through him we might have eternal life. The one who comes from above saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life.

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 *"Mercy"* Susan Bentall Boersma/Craig Courtney
CUMC Adult Choir

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant me Your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love,
You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one, who seeks Your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

*DOXOLOGY *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Refrain only)* UMH #140

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of light and love, as Jesus shined your light into our troubled world, may our offering bring rays of your holy light into the dark corners of our world. May these gifts reach the places where the fear of death holds sway, that others may find Christ’s life in the midst of their pain. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“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.

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: God sends us forth with the immeasurable gift of faith.

All: We will live in the joy of our salvation.

One: God sends us forth to walk in the light of holy love.

All: We will walk in the light of Christ.

One: God sends us forth in spirit and in truth.

All: We will journey in the Spirit’s tender mercies.

One: Go with the blessings of God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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