

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 15, 2021

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

Introit "Welcome" by Mark Miller
CUMC Adult Choir

1. Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin,
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace, singing welcome,

(Refrain) Welcome to this place. You are invited to come and God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feat,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, singing welcome,

(Refrain)

3. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem, where mourning turns to dancing,
Every creature lifts its voice, crying welcome.

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

*HYMN "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

All: Great are the works as of our God – the wise take delight in them.

One: The works of the Lord are faithful and just.

All: Mighty are the precepts of our God – the wise regard them as trustworthy and true.

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: Blessed are the teachings of our God – the wise apply them in all things.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever.
And together let us pray.

All: Eternal God, source of wisdom and understanding, your ways lead the upright of heart. Give us wise and discerning minds, that we may seek your wisdom above earthly riches, as Solomon did after the death of his father, David. Grant us pure and unblemished souls, that we may speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Be with us in the time of worship, that we may learn to discern good from evil and seek to live our lives with your wisdom and your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

*HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176

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 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

THE PSALM READING Psalm 111

THE EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5:15-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Wisdom of Solomon" Tim Gill

*HYMN

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

Living bread that comes down from heaven, we yearn to be filled with your Spirit of truth, but we often embrace the folly all around us; we long to eat our fill of your sacred Presence, but we often choose poorer fare and food that does not feed our souls; we desire to embrace your wisdom and your power, but we often choose the path of weakness, ignoring your call to seek justice and mercy. Come to us once more, Spirit of wisdom and truth, that we may abide in you, as you abide in us. In your holy and blessed name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who ask in Jesus's name, receive; and all who seek in the power of the Spirit, find. Rejoice in this good news, and be filled with the wisdom and grace of our mighty God.

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 "Faithful"

*DOXOLOGY "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Refrain only UMH #140

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of wisdom and understanding send these gifts into the world, that they may become instruments of your grace; send this offering to your people, that it may become a source of your mercy. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your mighty Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth and allow God's wisdom and understanding to guide your steps.

All: **The fear of the Lord lights our path and illumines our path.**

One: Go forth and let God's mercy and grace lead your way.

All: **The blessing of the Lord sends us forth to be a blessing to the world.**

One: Go with God.

All: **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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