

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 8, 2021

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

Introit *"O Spirit of the Living God" Verses 1, 3, 4* UMH#539

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 *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Verses 1, 2, 4* UMH# 110

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come, children of God. Come and find refuge and strength.

All: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

One: Come, heirs with Christ. Come and find forgiveness and joy.

All: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

One: Come, people of faith. Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.

All: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN *"Thy Word is a Lamp"* UMH #601

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 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33

THE PSALM READING Psalm 130

THE EPISTLE READING Ephesians 4:25-5:2

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Imitators of God"* Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN

"God So Loved the World"

CUMC 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.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,
that who so believeth in Him shall have eternal life.
God so loved the world

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

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God, with eyes streaked with tears. For we cannot always save the ones we love, and are left alone to taste the bitter dregs of our sorrow. In the lonely watches of the night, we yearn to set aside our anger and resentment, and embrace the paths of healing and wholeness. In the dark night of the soul, we long to forsake our anguish, and embrace your mercy and compassion. Open our hearts anew to your kindness and love, your mercy and compassion, that we may know in our bones how much we are your beloved children. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, sorrow may last the night, but joy comes with the morning. Even in the midst of fear and loss, be imitators of God as beloved children, and live as cherished heirs with Christ.

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 *"Crown Him, Lord of All!"* *by Marty Parks*
CUMC Adult Choir

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who serves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial Lord,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him Lord! Forever worshipped. Forever adored!

Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesus's rod, and crown him Lord of all!
O, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Bountiful God, in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, receive our tithes and offerings, that they may be for the world signs of the bread of heaven and the fullness of your grace. For we came here hungry for your Spirit, and you fed us with food that satisfies. We came here thirsting for your grace, and you revived us in our need. In humble thanks, we thank you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* UMH #378

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth from this place and imitate the Holy One in all you do.

All: **We will live with love, speak with kindness, touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness, and build up the kingdom of God.**

One: Go forth into the world and live in love, as Christ has lived in and through you.

All: **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PLEASE JOIN CUMC ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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