

**“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10 a.m. September 19, 2021

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

Introit *“Thine Be the Glory”* UMH #308  
*UMC Virtual Choir*

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 *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Verses 1,2, & 4* UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.

**All: We draw near to you, Source of all understanding.**

One: The Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

**All: The Spirit calls to kindness and peace.**

One: Wisdom calls us to service and love.

**All: May we bear good fruit in our lives.**

And together let us pray.

**All: Servant God, humble our hearts and quiet our minds, that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we say and do. Plant your wisdom in our lives, that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time. With humble hearts, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *“Children’s Message”*

\*HYMN *“He Is Exalted”* TFWS #2070

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 1

THE EPISTLE READING James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 9:30-37

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Eternal God”* 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, humble our hearts, even when we are proud. Call us back to service and love, even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige. Remind us to be childlike in faith and to be faithful as your children. Cover us with your grace and unify us in your peace, that we may embrace your wisdom from above and your humility from below. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

With the nourishment of Christ, the Living Water, we are refreshed and made new. In God’s mercy and grace, we are claimed as God’s children and called into God’s service.

**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 *“Sing Ye a Joyful Song”* A. Dvorak  
*Paige Hardison – Vocal Soloist*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,  
Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.  
Praise the Lord all the earth!  
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.

Let the sea roar and all that is therein,  
The round world and all they that dwell there.  
Lift your voices floods and tempests.

Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,  
And let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

\*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #94

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**God of love, we thank you for loving us through the grace of your Son, Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts, that others may be loved and served in our giving. Bless our lives, that we may love and serve one another as you have loved and served us. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“*El Shaddai*”

UMH #123

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We go now to serve.

**All: We will welcome every one we meet.**

One: We go to love every person we encounter,

**All: by all the means we can, in all the places we can, for however long we can.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*PLEASE JOIN CUMC IN-PERSON/ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.*

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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