

**“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10 a.m. September 26, 2021

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

Introit *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Words by Henry W. Baker  
*Jennifer Esposito and Debbie Holland – Duet* Music by Felix Mendelssohn

**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: We are gathered today as a community of peace and love. Is anyone here today suffering?

**All: We will pray for you.**

One: Is anyone here today rejoicing?

**All: We will rejoice with you.**

One: Is anyone here today longing for healing?

**All: We will anoint you with oil.**

One: You are welcome to this house of peace and love.

**All: We come as we are, joyful and hurting. We come to you, Healer, Life-giver.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Jesus, our Savior, we are grateful to find our way back to you. We have carried out another week’s worth of responsibilities. We have watched another week’s worth of news programs and have listened to another week’s worth of predictions. Sometimes we have slept well; sometimes not. But here we are, before you once again, open to your presence. Revive us with your love and power. Fulfill your kingdom promises in our lives, in our church, and in our world. In the name of God who created us and the Spirit who breathes new life in us, we pray. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN *“Cares Chorus”* TFWS #2215

**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 124

THE EPISTLE READING James 5:13-20

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38-41, 50

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Love in Action”* Rev. Jane Kim

\*HYMN *“Awesome God”* Insert

**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**

**Loving God, we come from a busy week of tasks and obligations. In this quiet time, we reflect on how we have lived our lives this week. May we explore the hopes that you have – hopes for compassion for the weak, justice for the mistreated and love for friends and strangers. We thank and praise you for your love and power. Help us to be more like you. Pick us up where we have fallen. Touch us with your renewing grace.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus forgives us when we wander. He raises us up to live with courage and hope and love. Praise be to our Savior!

**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 *“The Prayer”* by Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster/  
*Jeong-Hwa Park – Piano Solo* arr. Dan Coates

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

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, make us and our gifts salt for the world. Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all. Bless our gifts, O Life-Giver, in our lives and in our world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *“Onward, Christian Soldiers” Verses 3, & 5* UMH #575

**\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

One: Brothers and sister, we have walked in peace with one another today.

**All: Take this peace into your week.**

One: Brothers and sister, we have tasted the joy of sharing our burdens and our joys.

All: **Flavor your lives this week with compassion and love for others. In the name of our Creator; in the peace of Jesus our Brother; and in the power of the Spirit go with God. Amen.**

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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