

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m. "LAITY SUNDAY" October 17, 2021

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

Introit "Here I Am To Worship" by Tim Hughes
CUMC Adult 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 "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

[CHORUS]: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. [CHORUS]

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [CHORUS]

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forever more. [CHORUS – 2X]

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER^{1,2}

One: We gather today hungering to be real, with genuine smiles and actions that match our hallelujahs. We are not content to just master the power handshake of strength. We want also to master the partner handshake of mutual respect and mutual support.

All: **No more lip service; we want to be real!**

One: We yearn to rise above culture and prejudice to a mindset where foreigners and strangers are not held in contempt, and all are invited to God's table.

All: **No more lip service; we want to be real!**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **O great and glorious God, in every act you bless us with goodness. You call us to honor you, but we do so only with our lips. Instead of worshipping you, we take the ways of this world and conform ourselves to them. We leave your commandments and hold fast to that which is most convenient. Search our hearts and root out every evil thing which defiles us. Make us anew into your image that your love may once more call us away from death into your life. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

*HYMN "Change My Heart O God" TFWS #2152

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 104:1-9, 24, 35c

THE EPISTLE READING James 1:19-27

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 7:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Doers of the Word" Deborah Holland

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

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 stand before you today confessing that we have been slow to listen for the new directions that the Wind of your Spirit might be blowing. We have relaxed into the complacency of routine. We have come to value skill at keeping our own rules more than we value hearing your plans for the day. Cleanse us. Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Turn our eyes toward you. Help us understand what you really want from your people and help us become the people that honor you and glorify your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! The Lord forgives our sins and renews our hearts. It is God alone who restores the joy of our salvation. Receive God's grace. Receive God's mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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 "Prayer of St. Francis" by Allen Pote/arr. J.W. Pepper
CUMC Adult Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek: to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

Oh Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. An instrument of Thy peace. Amen.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous, giving God; we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves—our time and our energy—that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”* TFWS #2223

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We have been called to care for widows and orphans and anyone in need.

All: We will serve the Lord by modeling the love Christ has shown us.

One: Jesus taught us to love others, even when they are different from us.

All: We will become instruments of peace: slow to anger but quick to listen.

One: Go in peace, seeking understanding, the resolution of conflicts and ways to share God’s hopeful and healing grace.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Postlude *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* UMH #431

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

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

¹*Call to Worship by Sherrie Dobbs Johnson, The Africana Worship Book for Year B (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 69.*

²*Opening Prayer excerpted from Timothy J. Crouch, OSL, Nancy B. Parks, OSL, Chris E. Visminas, Mark R. Babb, OSL, And Also With You: Worship Resources Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, OSL Publications, 1993, 121.*

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