

**“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10 a.m. *Christ the King Sunday* November 21, 2021

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

PRELUDE *“Come Thou Fount”* *arr. Molly Ijames*  
*Hahnsol Kim - Violinist*

INTROIT *“Coming Home”* *Joseph Martin*  
*CUMC Adult Choir*

I’ve wandered far away from God, now I am coming, I’m coming home.  
The paths of sin too long I’ve trod, Lord, I am coming, I’m coming home.

I’ve wasted many precious years, But now I am coming, I’m coming home.  
I now repent with bitter tears. Lord, I am coming, I’m coming home.

Coming Home, coming home, Lord never more to roam.  
Open wide Your arm, Your arms of love, Lord, I am coming home.

My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I am coming, I’m coming home.

**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 *“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!

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is, who was and who is to come.

**All: Grace from Jesus, the faithful witness and lover of our souls.**

One: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord,  
“who is and who was and who is to come.”

**All: To the one who loves us and who freed us from our sins,  
to God be the glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Lord of Love, we give thanks that we belong to your kingdom which is higher and greater than any human power. Every child and elder, ever neighbor and foreigner finds a home in your kingdom of peace. Jesus said, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Give us ears to hear the voice of Christ our king above the din of human voices. Settle the dust that becomes stirred up inside us by debate or division. Give us eyes to see your will and ears to hear your word, so that we may love one another, love ourselves and love you with all that we are. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

VOCAL SOLO *“Amazing Grace”*  
*Grace Benzoni - Soloist*

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

\*HYMN *“Give Thanks”* TFWS #2036

**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 HEBRWE READING 1 Chronicles 16:23-36

THE PSALM READING Psalm 100

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:25-34

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“The Alpha and the Omega”* Rev. Jane Kim

**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**

**God of Grace, we feel threatened by forces that seem greater than ourselves. Too often, we are tempted to lower ourselves to compete and compare with one another. Forgive us when we forget that we belong, above all, to your way and your truth. When we feel inclined to fight or flee, let us instead seek refuge in your wisdom and your grace. Guide us to respond faithfully. Let us trust not in our own power, but in the strength of your love, which reigns in the heavens and on the earth forevermore. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord, the one who loves you and frees you from you sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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

*“Simple Thanks”*  
CUMC Adult Choir

Nancy Price & Don Besig

We see Your world around us, we know You’re everywhere.  
We feel Your love surround us and keep us in Your care.  
So we come now, dear Father, to thank You, one and all,  
for gifts so rich and wonderful, for blessings great and small.

For the gifts that are simple, for the gifts that are free,  
For the chance to be whatever we can be, we thank You, Lord,  
each passing day for the countless gifts You send our way.  
Now hear the world as it sings of the joy and the peace that Your love can bring.  
Now all our voices we raise to offer thanks and sing Your praise!

O Lord of all creation, we come to You this day.  
We join in celebration of all that You have made.  
We rejoice in the wonder around us everywhere.  
We thank You now, dear Father, for all the gifts we share.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Spirit of Life and Love, reign in us today. Use these gifts, the fruit of our labor, to make your church an instrument of peace for the world. May we not rest until your peaceable kingdom reigns in every heart. Move us this day to feed the hungry, befriend the lonely, protect the afflicted, and proclaim Christ’s love to all your creation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN *“How Great Thou Art”* UMH #77

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: **His love endures forever.**

One: We give thanks to the Lord, for we are all children of God.

All: **We go and tell others that they too belong to God. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* arr. Molly Ijames  
Hahnsol Kim – Violinist

**PLEASE JOIN CUMC LIGHT MEAL AND SNACK FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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