

“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10 a.m.

December 26, 2021

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

INTROIT

“Crown Him, Lord of All”  
CUMC Adult Choir

by Marty Parks

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!

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: God’s love has come to earth to dwell with us.

All: **Sing for joy with the angels.**

One: We are God’s chosen people, loved and cherished.

All: **Sing for joy with the angels.**

One: The birth of Love has changed us forever.

All: **Sing for joy with the angels.**

One: Let us sing, praise, rejoice and worship together!  
And together let us pray.

All: **God of the Incarnation, even as we celebrate the Love that was born at Christmas, we know that your love continues to grow far beyond Christmas Day. Even as parents watch tenderly and proudly as their children grow into adulthood, you hold us in your compassionate embrace throughout our lives. Guide us into mature faith, O God, that we might be like Jesus in our love in our humility and wisdom, and in every word and deed. Shape us, inspire us, challenge us, and bless us with the music to sing your praises. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH #431

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. May your Word nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

THE HEBREW READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

PSALM READING

Psalm 148

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Sing for Joy”

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

**Loving God, Prince of Peace, we, your children, love you passionately, but we have also turned away. Sometimes we act like spoiled children. Sometimes we turn our back on you. God of Mercy, forgive us. Feed us with the bread of heaven. Teach us with your wisdom. Dress us once more in the clothing of your love, that we may sing your praises in perfect harmony. Alleluia!**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved! God has already forgiven you.

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 Wondrous Story” Traditional English Carol/arr. Don Besig  
Kim Gill, Tim Gill & Debbie Holland – Vocal Trio

Once upon a winter night, earth was bathed in radiant light.  
There amid the wind and cold a wondrous story first was told.  
The snow lay on the ground, a star shone bright when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.

Upon a bed of straw in stable bare, the baby lay asleep, so pure and fair.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum*, O come, let us adore God’s own true Son.  
Winter winds blew fierce and cold as the story did unfold.  
Gently, at the baby’s side, His mother sang a lullaby.  
The snow lay on the ground, the air grew still as shepherds kept their watch on distance.  
Then in the sky above they saw a light and heard the angels sing that Christmas night.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum*, O come, let us adore God’s own true Son.

\*DOXOLOGY                    *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*                    UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER  
God of miracles, when Jesus was born, angels, shepherds, sages, and even animals rejoiced and gave thanks. Today, we delight in our chance to join the heavenly party of gratitude. Thank you for naming us your beloved children. We offer you our hearts, our deeds, and our entire lives in thanksgiving for the gift of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN                    *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord O My Soul)”*                    Insert

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH  
One:    You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.  
**All:    So, we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love.**  
One:    You have been called into the one body, where the peace of Christ is the ruler.  
**All:    So, we are thankful, and join the song of the angels.**  
One:    You live in the richness of Christ’s word with wisdom and music all around.  
**All:    So, we tell others the Way of Christ.**  
One:    And whatever you do, in word, or in deed, do everything, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**All:    We go in Christ’s peace to serve God and our neighbor. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
Let us share God’s love and peace with one another.

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED                    NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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