"ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10 a.m. January 23, 2022

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

"Lamb of God" INTROIT

by Twila Paris/ Arr. Craig Courtney

Debbie Holland – Vocal Soloist

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Refrain)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I loved the holy Lamb of God, O wash me in Your precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to Your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

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!

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Verses 1, 2, & 3 *HYMN

UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We have come to worship the Living God.

All: The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.

One: We have come to praise God, the Almighty God.

God sends us to proclaim justice to the oppressed All:

One: We have come to worship God, all-Gracious God.

May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be pleasant to you, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer. All glory to God!

One: And together let us pray.

Holy maker of stars and planets, Holy mender of broken dreams, Holy fountain of joyful news, we stand in awe of your glory. We cry out with the psalmist in wonder, as your word is proclaimed in the silent song of the cosmos. We cry out with your faithful ones, as your presence is made known in the stories of your people at times and places. Jesus minds us of your promise to release captives, to restore sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed. Today, you call us to be members of the body of Christ, your embodied Word made flesh. And to offer healing and wholeness wherever we go. May our songs

and our stories, our praise and our thanks, be pleasant to you this day, Holy One, our rock and redeemer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

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 19:7-11

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-23

One: The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Transformed by Truth"

Rev. Jane Kim

*Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

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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

Rock and redeemer, you call us to remember that we are all members of one body in your Spirit. Forgive us when we do not embody your love, when we speak harshly to one another, and when we judge others in our hearts. Together, we drink of the one Spirit, and share in the same love that makes us one. Reclaim us when we refuse to hear your word when spoken by those who do not look or sound as we expect. Remind us that when one of your creatures suffers, all of creation suffers. Renew us when we forget that we are one body, one family of our heavenly creator.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good News: God heals our illusion of divisions and makes us one and whole. On the name of Jesus Christ, we are all 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

"Faithful" **CUMC Adult Choir**

by Mark Hayes

(Refrain)

You are faithful, O God. Your mercies are new every morning.

Your compassions have never failed me. They are constant as each day's dawning.

No matter how the winds of change may blow across my life, You're my sure foundation.

You're my rock of ages. You're my only salvation, the One on whom I call.

You are faithful, O God. You are my All in All.

When I don't understand, I will wait on You.

When Life brings harsh demands, I will wait on You.

When I'm lost and all alone, I will wait on You.

When I'm fearful and hope is gone, I will wait on You.

When I'm in despair, when my way is not clear,

When my needs have weighed me down,

when my help is nowhere to be found, I will wait on You.

(Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH #95**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy Word, Holy Breath, Holy Maker of All, with gratitude for making us one body, we share our gifts with one another and with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As living members of the holy body of Christ,

may we see the face of the Holy One in everyone we meet.

All: And may we hear God's holy word,

In every sound and voice we hear.

One: Go in peace to love and serve the world.

All: Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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