ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10 a.m. Consecration Sunday February 27, 2022

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

"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" INTROIT

TFWS #2193

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. One:

All: And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us. One:

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN " "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH #110

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We gather to worship and serve God. How then shall we live?

With joy and justice, we will carry the light of Jesus. All:

One: Love of Justice, we have differing gifts and needs. How then shall we live?

With gratitude and generosity of Spirit, we will bear Christ's light.

One: We pledge to love and what God loves, to serve those whom God cares for.

How then shall we live?

Believing in, caring for, proclaiming and bearing the love Jesus bears for us,

and for all, let us prosper the work of God's heart in all we do!

One: You are exalted over all people. For you, O God, are holy!

We praise your great and awesome name. All:

One: And together let us pray.

All: Holy God of grace and God of glory, please listen to your children praying.

We come to talk with you today. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory - a glory that can transform our lives. Send us love, send us power and send us grace. May Jesus, and may the Spirit of freedom and glory, shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun. God of grace and God of glory, listen to your

children praying. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Cares Chorus" (2X) *HYMN TFWS #2215

"Share Now – Benefit Later" A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Joe Andreana

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 HEBREW READING Deuteronomy 24:19-21

THE PSALM READING Psalm 99

Luke 9:38-43a THE GOSPEL READING

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sharing Now – Reaping Later" Joe Andreana

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

Eternal God, your anger may last for a moment, but your mercy endures for a life time. We come before you with joyful hearts, longing to draw living water from the well of your salvation. We come this day to worship with thankful spirits, yearning to abide in the new earth you are creating in our midst. As we sing your praises, touch us with the love of your new heaven, that we may be fit to dwell in your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through Christ, the wellspring of our salvation, we are washed in the waters of forgiveness and grace. Through your endurance, you will gain your souls. In Christ's mercy, we are forgiven. Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

We have been called to be witness to our faith. We have been called to do so with joy and praise. With hearts full of thanksgiving, let us commit ourselves and our resources to enable the church to be that fearless witness.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "And the Father Will Dance" by Mark Haves CUMC Adult Choir

> And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song; and He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song, and He will joy over you in song!

First verse repeats

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of visions and dreams, as we seek to make a difference in our world, teach us anew that your love makes all things possible. Work within our offerings this day, that they may be signs of our commitment to dream your Dreams and to bring your Vision for our world to life. Work within these gifts, that those who have lost hope for a better future may find all they need to live with passion and purpose. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS #2002

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

People of God, as you leave this place,

do not grow weary in doing what is right.

All: We will bring hope and love to all we meet,

and proclaim justice and peace wherever we go.

As you go, share God's vision of peace. And One:

work to bring God's kingdom near.

All: We go rejoicing in the glory of Christ. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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