

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 20, 2022

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

INTROIT *"Come Flood This Heart of Mine" By David Lantz III/arr. By Craig Courtney
CUMC Adult Choir*

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.
My every sin forgive as one with You I live.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power.
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place.
Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your true light divine.
Come flood this heart of mine!

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 *"He Is Exalted"*

TFWS #2070

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: O God, my God, we seek you.

All: Our souls thirst for you.

One: Our spirits long for you

All: for we are parched and weary in these desert times, these wilderness places.

One: But your love, O God, is better even than life.

All: Our words will praise you, our actions bless you.

One: Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

All: Call upon the Holy One, who is near.

One: We will bless you as long as we live.

All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Holy One, when we are alone in the desert, wandering through the wilderness, we call to you, for you are our help. Our souls cling to you. Come, God, and hold us up. Come,

bring your presence and fill us with your peace. In the shadow of your wings, we will sing for joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Cares Chorus" (2X)

TFWS #2215

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 HEBREW READING Isaiah 55:6-9

THE PSALM READING Psalm 63:1-8

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Dig Around It, Fertilize It and Bear Fruit"*

Rev. Jane Kim

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 Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But you, O God, are faithful. You see us and know us and love us as we are. In times of trial, you show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of your heart, and help us begin again. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God's love for us and grace to us are higher than we have imagined, deeper than we have guessed. Before we have asked, God's mercies are already given. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. 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)

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 *“The Day of the Cross Held Up the Sky”* Douglas Nolan
CUMC Adult Choir

With a broken heart, with tearful eyes, the Savior stands condemned to die.
Can we know the pain He felt inside on the lonely day the cross held up the sky?

At the sound of wood, at the bird’s first cry, the cross is lifted up on high.
See the Lamb of God begin to die on the lonely day the cross held up the sky.

What wondrous love, what perfect grace that God sent His Son to die in our place.
Christ suffered and dies while the wind moaned and sighed, yet He loves us.

As the evening fell, as the end drew nigh, O Father forgive them His Spirit cried.
O love so amazing, so divine. On the lonely day the cross held up the sky.

*DOXOLOGY *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Refrain Only* UMH #140

THANKSGIVING PRAYER
God of grace, you have fed our spirits and nourished our souls. You have supported us in every possible way. May the gifts we bring this morning be an offering of our gratitude, and may they be a promise to share what we have received from your hand. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

*HYMN *“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH
One: People of God, listen that you may live.
All: Go forth and seek the Lord.
One: Find all that is holy wherever you go.
All: As our souls have been fed, so may we share our gifts and our blessings with others. 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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