

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m. UMCOR Sunday March 27, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272

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, 3 UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Loving God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

All: In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

One: Merciful God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

All: In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

One: Gracious God welcomes us home with open arms.

All: Come! Let us worship the one who makes all things new.

And together let us pray.

All: Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of your pasture; you call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and know that you are our true home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "Awesome God" TFWS #2040

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 32

THE EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 15:8-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Mercy Seat" 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

In your love, O God, we are never lost. In your care, O Christ, we are ever found. Help us feel this truth in our very bones, for we are often far from home, unsure of how to return. Teach our shut-up hearts to embrace your hope. Teach our shriveled souls to cry out to you. For we long to taste the glory of your heavenly banquet, and we yearn to be held in your arms as beloved children. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hold fast to these words of assurance: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away!" In Christ, we are reconciled indeed, for we have found our true home.

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 "Behold the Lamb" Insert
Debbie Holland –Vocal Soloist

*DOXOLOGY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Refrain Only UMH #140

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of overflowing abundance, you bless the earth and it brings forth food. We, who have been given so much, rejoice in our ability to aid those who are in need. As we present our offerings this day, bless these gifts, the bounty of this good land, that they may reach those who need it most. May we, who call ourselves Christ's disciples, continue to give freely of our worldly riches, just as Christ gave freely of his heavenly riches. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: In Christ, we are a new creation.

All: **In Christ, the lost are found.**

One: In Christ, we are invited to God's heavenly banquet.

All: **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

