

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

*Ascension of the Lord Sunday*

May 29, 2022

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

## PRELUDE

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                      *"Open The Eyes of My Heart"*

Insert

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One:    Clap your hands, people of God.

**All:    Shout to God with cries of joy.**

One:    Look to the heavens, brothers and sisters in Christ.

**All:    Witness the power of our God.**

One:    Clap your hands, people of God.

**All:    Shout to God with cries of joy.**

One:    And together let us pray.

**All:    God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might.  
Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our  
hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. Focus  
our thoughts on the power of your salvation, that we may move beyond the**

mundane to contemplate mysteries and wonders worthy of our meditations. May  
we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on  
high. 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 97

THE EPISTLE READING                Ephesians 1:15-23

THE GOSPEL READING                Luke 24:44-53

One:    The Word of God for the people of God

**All:    Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                                      *"New Life of Christ"*                                      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

**Merciful God, raise our sights and our hopes. Even as we yearn for your glorious inheritance,  
we settle for so much less. Even as we long to behold the extraordinary, we keep our eyes fixed  
on the ground. Even as we hope to inherit your glorious kingdom, we keep our hearts attuned  
to earthly power. Even as we desire to rest in the arms of your love, we listen to voices that  
sow discord. May your Holy Spirit find us ready when the one who ascended on high returns to  
his own. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wait patiently for the Spirit to stir your spirit. Wait hopefully to be filled by the living God. For  
God justifies our hope and Christ fills our cup with power from on high.

**All:    Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

**Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let  
us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.**

### WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*“And the Father Will Dance”*

*by Mark Hayes*

*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*

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Your power and might, O God, bring forth our worship and praise. Your love and mercy, Compassionate One, call forth our gratefulness and thanksgiving. In appreciation for your blessing in our lives, we offer you these gifts from our hearts, this fruit of our industry. Receive them, we pray. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that our lives here on earth might be filled with your Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

\*HYMN                                      *“Above All”*                                      Insert

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Lift up your eyes to the heavens.

**All: We trust the Spirit’s power.**

One: Christ ascended to bring us eternal life. Go as witnesses of the risen Lord.

**All: 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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