

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Mighty to Save"

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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

"Awesome God"

TFWS #2040

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Christ is our shepherd.

All: We are Christ's sheep.

One: The shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.

All: We will follow our shepherd.

One: Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.

All: In God's flock, we rest secure.

One: Come Let us worship.

And together let us pray.

All: Loving Shepherd, in the midst of sorrow and loss, you wipe away every tear from our eyes. May the wonders of your love reach down to us this day. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, raise us also to new life. Help us cling no longer to the darkness threatening to overcome our world, that we may reside in the glory of the Lamb. Wake us from the slumber that numbs our spirit, even as you nourish us in the strength of your Spirit. May the world see the shepherd living in us and may we come to dwell in your pastures, which remain ever green. 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 23

THE EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God Alone"

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

The voices of your faithful ones echo in our ears: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" We long to join their words of praise, but feel unworthy. We know that you are our shepherd, watching over us every minute of our lives. We yearn to join the chorus of those worshipping the Lamb, but we feel unsure and insecure. Open us to the one who wipes away every tear, that we may truly rest in green pastures and drink from still waters. For you alone restore our souls. You alone meet us in our time of need. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Trust the words of our shepherd: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." Rest secure that our shepherd loves us, and leads us into life.

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

"Come to Jesus"

Chris Rice/arr. Mark Hayes

Kim Gill and Debbie Holland – Vocal Duet

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;

O, raise your head, for Love is passing by. Come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,

and precious blood has washed away the stain. So sing to Jesus and live!

Like a new-born baby, don't be afraid to crawl,

remember when you walk sometimes you fail. So fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,

so if your sky is dark and pours like rain, then cry to Jesus and live!

O, when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
and when you can't contain your joy inside, then dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat kiss the world good-bye,
then go in peace and laugh on glory's side. And fly to Jesus and live!

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care. Everything we have comes the goodness of your love. Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

*HYMN *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"* *by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman*

[CHORUS]: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *[CHORUS]*

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
[CHORUS]

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forever more.
[CHORUS – 2X]

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

All: We lie down in green pastures and drink from still waters.

One: Our shepherd restores our souls.

**All: Even though we walk through the darkest valleys,
we fear no evil, for our shepherd travels with us.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

All: And we will dwell in with our shepherd forever. 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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