ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m. August 14, 2022

PRELUDE

INTROIT "He Is Exalted" TFWS #2070

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 "Thou Art Worthy" TFWS #2041

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: In the fire and the flames,

All: Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

One: In the division and the despair,

All: Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

One: In the shadows and the sorrow,

All: God walks alongside to lift us up.

One: In this moment, we gather together

to worship, to pray, to sing, and to lament.

All: We gather on this blessed journey

of life, death, and resurrection.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Christ of mysterious paradox, enter the paradoxes of our lives. Divide us when false

unity divides us from you. Unify us when false division separates us from one another. Connect with us so securely, that we may connect with one another in the power of your Holy Spirit, as we worship together this day. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING Isaiah 5:1-7

THE PSALM READING Psalm 80:1-2

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 12:49-56

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Energizer" 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

Challenging Christ, forgive us when we avoid your hard truths. Grant your mercy when we look for the easy path and avoid the path you set before us. Guide us back to where you would have us go. Strengthen us to face the challenge of living faithful lives and of following your lead. Encourage us to rejoice when we see the way forward, and love us so fully that we accept your love. Help us live the love you shower on our lives, that we may shower this love on others. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's face looks upon us with mercy and love. Christ's light shines through us as the image of God we are created to be.

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 "Grace Alone" TFWS #2162

CUMC Congregation

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We praise you for your mighty and abundant love. Sing through the gifts we return to you, that others may know your great love. Sing through our lives, that through us, others may discover your song. Sing through even our division, that we may discover a unity we have never tasted before in your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

All: O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but

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

from love. We pray for the leaders of Ukraine to have wisdom in the coming days. We pray for civilians who have been displaced and for families who have been separated from each other as they have sought safety. We pray for those still seeking shelter. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Amen.

*HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH #377

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

We, who were far away, have been brought near in the grace of Christ. One:

We, who were once divided, have discovered peace in the unity of God's Spirit. All:

One: We, who were once alone, are connected in the love of God.

We, who were once lone individuals, are united as one body, one family of God to All:

share God's unifying love with the world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

PLEASE JOIN CUMC IN-PERSON/ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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