

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 28, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Welcome"

By Laurie Zelman & Mark A. Miller

CUMC Adult Choir

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,
Singing welcome,

Refrain:

Welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,
Singing welcome,

Refrain

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!
Crying welcome!

Refrain

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 *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (v. 1, 2, 4)* UMH #581

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: With gifts of praise,

All: we come to worship.

One: With heartfelt prayers,

All: we come to worship and pray.

One: With open minds, eager to grow,

All: we come to worship and grow this day.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might create a house of such hospitality and love that all may feel truly welcome. Reach out through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might reach out beyond our walls to the stranger, the lost, and the lonely, and that we might discover how abundant your love truly is. 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 Jeremiah 2:4-7, 11-13

THE EPISTLE READING Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sent Forth To Serve"

Debbie Holland

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 love and grace, flow through our messy lives with your abundant grace. When we would close our hearts and doors, open us to share your grace with others. When we would neglect the needs of your world, forgive us so abundantly that we might be moved to give as abundantly as we have received. When we let pride and self-interest rule our days, forgive us so miraculously that we might live with humility and selflessness. In your abundant love and miraculous grace, may your world come to know your ways. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Like honey from a rock, Christ's love flows within us with the sweetness of God's grace. Like finest wheat, the Spirit's sustenance feeds us with mercy and hope.

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.

