

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m. Confirmation Sunday September 11, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT "House of the Lord" Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is,
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea,
Our God, He holds the victory.

(Refrain)

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!
We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung upon that cross, then He rose up from the grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

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: From our wanderings and wonderings,

All: we are welcomed home by God.

One: Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

All: God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

One: Come to be found,

All: for all are welcome here.

One: And together let us pray.

All: God of love and mercy, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the might power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH Insert

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 Genesis 2:15

THE EPISTLE READING I Peter 1:13-15

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:35-37
Luke 15:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Three Simple Rules" 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

Loving Shepherd, pour your grace upon us this day. Seek those who are wandering and lost, for they too need your grace. For you know when we are wandering, and you know when we are lost. You know when we have sinned, and when we have forsaken your call. Forgive us, and bring us home. Reclaim us and make us your own. For you are our shepherd and we are the sheep of your pasture. For this grace and mercy, we are ever grateful. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice, God's mercy and grace redeem us and bring us home. We who were lost have been found.

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

“May Your Roots Go Deep”

David Lantz III

May your roots go deep into the soul, the soil of God’s marvelous love.
And may you be able to feel and understand as all God’s children should:

(refrain)

How long, how wide, how deep and how high his love truly is, Christ’s love truly is;
How long, how wide, how deep and how high his love truly is, Christ’s love truly is.

May your roots go deep into the soul, the soil of God’s marvelous love,
love so great that you will never fully know or understand.

(refrain)

And so at last you will be filled up with God himself,
Filled up with God himself, filled up with God himself.

May your roots go deep into the soul, the soil of God’s marvelous love.

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thank you, generous God of grace, for pouring your love and abundance so freely upon us. Pour this same love and abundance upon the gifts we now return to you that they may become signs of grace and instruments of love to bring the world back home to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace, for grieving families and all those who are scared, especially the old and those with young families. We pray that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. We continue to pray that you will bring justice to this whole situation. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*HYMN

“On Eagle’s Wings” (2X)

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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Found by God, go now to help others find their way.

All: Loved by Christ, we go now to share Christ’s love with the world.

One: Blessed by the Spirit, go now to bless others with mercy and grace.

All: Our hearts are filled with your joy. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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