

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

September 18, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Sanctuary" (2X)* TFWS #2164

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 *"God of Grace and God of Glory" Verses 1, 3, 4* UMH #577

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Is God not in Zion? Search for the Lord.

All: God waits where we least expect it.

One: Is there no healer to help us?

All: Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

One: Is there no hope left to be found?

All: Place your trust in the Lord, whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.

One: Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

All: We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Loving God, speed your compassion to our side, for our souls have become wellsprings of sorrow. Help us, O God of our salvation, for in you alone do we find our strength to revive our souls; in you alone do we find nourishment to meet the needs for the journey. Come speedily to us once more, that we may see your glory and know where our true help lies. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT SERVICE

Insert

*We celebrate the baptism of **Ellasandra Gibbs**, daughter of Heather and Andrew Gibbs and sister of Andrew Gibbs. Sponsors: Gianna and Joseph DiCanio.*

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 8:18-9:1

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 16:10-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"There is Balm in Gilead"* 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

Holy One, in the midst of life's travails, be once more the balm in Gilead that makes the wounded whole. For we are weary in body and tired in soul, as we strive to live faithfully as children of light. Too often, we neglect the talents you give us, and act less shrewdly with your true riches than the unscrupulous do with the dishonest wealth of this world. As you search our hearts and ways, may we be found faithful in a little, that you will entrust us to be faithful in much. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice and be glad. God's compassion comes speedily to meet us. Be still and know that there is a balm in Gilead that heals the wounded soul.

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 *"You Are Wonderfully Made"* *by Pepper Choplin*
CUMC Adult Choir

You are wonderfully made. You are God's creation.

Let no one bring you down by what they say.

You are wonderfully made.

Remember that you're a child of God, part of God's creation.

So then you feel that you are weak and flawed,

Remember that you're a child of God.

Love your neighbors as yourself, the commandment still holds true.

But how can we love someone else if we never learn to love ourselves?

You are wonderfully made. You are God's creation.
Let no one bring you down by what they say.
You are wonderfully made. You are child of God.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Source of every good gift, you call us to be wise with the true riches of your kingdom. May this offering show such wisdom, that having been found faithful in a little you will trust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love, that they may bring healing and light to those who need your balm of Gilead. 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 *"Amazing Grace- My Chains Are Gone"* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Be faithful in a little, that you may also be found faithful in much.

All: **The true riches come from above.**

One: Go to be faithful children of light.

All: **We go to spread the grace, hope, and peace of the truly faithful one. 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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