

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

October 16, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Thy Word is a Lamp"* UMH #601

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 *"How Great Thou Art"* UMH #77

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Called by God to be people of prayer,
we gather today as people of prayer.

All: Come, let us worship and pray together.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. 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 PSALM READING Psalm 119:97-104

THE EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 3:14-17

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"The Power of Prayer"* 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

Faithful God, when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith, and with tenacity and courage, all the days of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

How our God listens to us when we pray! God hears our prayers and answers with mercy and grace. In this mercy and grace, we are given forgiveness, help, and sustenance. Receive these gifts and rejoice, for all is well.

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 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* by Deborah Criser/arr. Lloyd Larson
Debbie Holland – Vocal Soloist

My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loves me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow. If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now."

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. 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 know that as long as sin is in the world, nations rage against God and against each other. However, we believe that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth's governments. O Prince of Peace, we pray that you will please quiet the clamor of warring nations. We pray for wars cease to the ends of the earth. 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 watch over all the children in Ukraine. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*HYMN *"Lord, Listen to Your Children"* TFWS #2207

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As people of prayer, go now to live your prayers.

All: As people of faith, go now to live in faith.

One: As people of love, go now to live with love.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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