

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

October 30, 2022

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Holy Spirit, Come" by Ruth Elaine Schram* Insert

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 *"All Creatures of Our God and King" Verses 1, 2, 5 & 7* UMH #62

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: When we need to climb a tree to look for help, Christ proclaims,

All: "I am coming to your house today."

One: When we feel lost, and have nowhere to turn, Christ assures us,

All: "I am coming to your house today."

One: Christ is coming. Christ is with us even now.

All: Worship the Lord with joy and praise.

And together let us pray.

All: Righteous One, hear our cries in the bitter watches of the night. We come before you with zeal in our hearts, ready to stand at our watchposts, ready to receive the vision your promise your people. We come seeking justice for the weak, hope for the downtrodden, and healing for the afflicted. In times of trial, we yearn to see your face, and behold the glory of our salvation. Be the vision we need, that we may find the courage to persevere, that salvation may come to our homes this day, through the power of our Holy Spirit. 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 EPISTLE READING 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 19:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Up a Tree"

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

God of promised vision, we await your word of hope. As we await your reply to our pleas for mercy. Respond to our longing for friendship, for we are beaten down by hatred and violence. Zeal for your endless love consumes us, even as we await the promise of our salvation. Come to our homes this day, and abide in our hearts each hour, through the glory of your Son. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When all hope seemed lost, Christ came to save the weak and the outcast. Today, salvation has come to this house of worship, for in Christ, we are renewed and made whole, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 *"God of Wonders" Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong/arr. Jack Schrader*
CUMC Adult Choir

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky

The heavens are your Tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high!

(Refrain)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

(Refrain)

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Yourself to me, Father holy, holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, holy, holy

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of many blessings, you come to us as Christ came to Zacchaeus, that salvation may come to our homes to show us the power of your love. Come to us, abide in our homes, and work within these offerings, that all may know your love and justice. 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 *I 'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Christ's salvation is at hand.

All: **Though the wicked surround the righteous, and justice seems perverted, the Spirit's truth heralds in the land.**

One: Beloved children of God, go with God's blessings.

All: **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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