

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10 a.m.

January 29, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

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 *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"* by Chris Tomlin Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come, let us walk in God's ways.

All: Let us listen for God's word.

One: We will dwell here in God's tent.

All: We will sing God's praises.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Come, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways. In our confusing world, many voices demand our attention. Teach us to look with your eyes. Help us walk humbly beside you – doing what is right, speaking your truth. You alone are our guide and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God.

Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Made Perfect in Weakness"* 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 compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find ourselves feeling empty. We grieve in season of loss, feeling hopeless and lost. We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments. We want to make peace, but we don't even know where to begin. Come with your wisdom and guide us in your ways. Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as you walk beside us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus speaks words of blessing to those who struggle, offering joy and gladness each and every day.

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 *"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"* Jeff Miller
Debbie Holland & Tyler Stankiewicz – Vocal Duet

Blessed are the poor in spirit; heaven will soon be theirs.

Blessed are the mourning children, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek and lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.

(Refrain)

All who trust in God, all who seek his grace, all who thirst for righteousness, they will see the joy, the treasures of his grace.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are the pure in heart; from God never will they be apart.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; mercy is promised to them.

(Refrain)

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous God, you give us all we need You ask only for faithful living in return. We bring these gifts to you today, that they may support your work of justice. Through this offering, we commit ourselves to justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. Jesus the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth’s governments, we pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“He Has Made Me Glad” (2X)* TFWS #2270

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: No matter where life takes you, God is with you.

All: We trust the blessings promised by our God.

One: Go from this place filled with joy.

All: We go with our God, the bestower of faithful love.

One: Go in peace.

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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