

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

February 26, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Grace Alone"* TFWS #2162

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 *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"* TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Temptation surround us every day.

All: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

One: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

All: Happy are those whose sin is covered.

One: Though we stumble and fall,

All: God's mercy picks us up.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice

All: God's love meets us here.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. 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 PSALM READING Psalm 42

THE EPISTLE READING Galatians 5:16-26

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Begin with Love"* 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 wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray. Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation; we often heed voices that cause us to stray. Return us to the garden of your abiding love, for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship the one who forgives our transgressions and covers our sin. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is greater than our failings; God's grace is greater than our sin.

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 *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* *by Dana Mengel*
CUMC Adult Choir

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for Ukraine today. Jesus the Prince of Peace, have mercy on them. Stop the war o, God. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Amen.

*HYMN *"Draw the Circle Wide"* Worship & Song #3154 (Insert)

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go with joy.

All: Our transgressions are forgiven.

One: Go with hope.

All: Our sin is covered.

One: Go with love.

All: Our hearts are uplifted by the tender mercies of our God. 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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