

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7 PM

March 01, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal.*

TFWS is the small black book.

INTROIT

"Sanctuary"

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We call to the Lord,

All: and God hears our prayers.

One: We lift up our praise,

All: and God hears our songs.

One: We wait for the Lord,

All: and God answers our hope.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Wonderful God, pour out your grace and your love tonight. Shower us with the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may become people of miracles- people filled with the laughter of hope and love. For you are the God of love, who is love itself, you care for us in so many ways. You show us your love in the sunrise and snowfall. You cover us in your loving embrace, with the gift of the church and the words of scripture. Holy One, when we laugh out of fear, calm us with your courage. Empower us with your love. Transform our nervous laughter into songs of praise and shouts of joy and trust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Gift of 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

Lord Jesus, you come into our lives, and you tell us the truth about who we are. Some truth is painful, but without truth, there can be no genuine love. Forgive us when we love our own success and comfort more than your kingdom. When we love ourselves more than we love you, please forgive us, Gracious God, and show us how to love you and others the way that we should. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is greater than our sin. The love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit are ours without price or condition. Rejoice in this good news and stay alive.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Mercy"

Lyrics by Susan Bentall/ Music by Craig Courtney

CUMC Adult Choir

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant me Your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love,

You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one, who seeks Your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of love, you whisper words of loving affirmation in our hearts. You give us the gift of love itself, your very life, that we might experience divine love forever. Our gifts can never match your own, yet we offer them as a token of our commitment to show love in everything we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We have gathered in faith.

All: We have worshipped with hope.

One: Faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.
Now go forth to share God's love with the world.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us welcome one another with signs of blessings. Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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