

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 12, 2023

*\* 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*

CUMC Adult Choir

Holy Spirit, come upon us now. Come, reveal the love of Jesus now.  
Holy Spirit, this very hour fill us up with your mighty power;  
Light the flame that burns within us now.  
Holy Spirit, bring us consolation. Comfort us with the promise of salvation.  
Holy Spirit, this very hour fill us up with your mighty power;  
Light the flame that burns within us.  
Come, and meet us where we are, for we are waiting with open, hungry hearts.  
So, come, inspire us now. Fit us for the work of Jesus now.  
Holy Spirit, this very hour fill us up with your mighty power;  
Light the flame that burns within us now. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

### 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

*"Mighty to Save"*

Insert

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Worship the Lord and sing God's praises.

**All: We come into the Lord's presence with songs of thanksgiving.**

One: Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

**All: We rejoice in our time together.**

One: Drink of Christ's living water.

**All: We thirst for God's love.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and**

**help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit. 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 95:1-11

THE GOSPEL READING John 4:5-30

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*"At the Well"*

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

**Giver of Life, in the depth of our hearts, we struggle to leave our failures behind. Teach us that suffering brings endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character brings hope. With your grace undergirding our lives, grant us the patience and persistence to claim a place in your holy Kin-dom. May we become your living water in the wilderness of this world, creating space for your hope and faith. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Like the woman at the well, living water is within reach. Do not not thirst for eternal life ever again, for the well of God's blessing is full and God's love is poured out for all.

**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      *“Freely Give”*      by Susan Bentall Boersma / arr. David Lantz III  
CUMC Adult Choir

Holy Father, You freely gave, gave Your one and only son;  
So great a gift, so great the cost to save the world, to save but one.

Son divine, You freely gave, from the cross the cleansing flood.  
Prayers and tears could not pardon my sin,  
nothing less than Your precious blood.

Gracious Spirit, You freely call. Gracious Spirit, You bid me come.  
And my believing is my receiving.  
Through Your call, my freedom is won.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**God of blessings, we hear your voice beckoning us to be hands and your feet in the world. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

UKRAINE

**God of peace and justice, we pray for Ukraine today. We pray for people suffering from war. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the war o, God. Remind in our inner hearts your words to fear not; to rest assured that today you promise that you will fight our battles. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *“Amazing Grace! (My Chains Are Gone) By Chris Tomlin Insert*

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: The Lord of life-giving shares love, hope, and faith in our lives.

**All: May we have the wisdom to seek Christ’s gifts.**

One: The Lord of mercy gives gifts of love, hope, and diversity as we leave.

**All: With faith, we go serve others along the way. 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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