

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m. UMCOR Sunday March 19, 2023

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

### PRELUDE

INTROIT "Come Follow Me" Joel Raney 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 "Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord" Insert

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

**All: The Light of the world shines in our lives.**

One: Put aside the cares of the night.

**All: In the Lord, we live in the light.**

One: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

**All: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.**

One: Sleeper, awake! Christ's light is shining.

**All: The Light of the world shines in our lives.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our ears to the sound of your call. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Lori Benzoni

### 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.**

PSALM 23 *Sung by Tyler Stankiewicz* Insert

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

THE GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Listen, He's calling YOU!" Kim Gill

### 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

**You call us, O God, but we are not always listening. We are blinded by our sin and in our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand. In our blindness, we fail to see others as you do. Yet, we long to see as you see and to perceive as you perceive. We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light of your love. Help us to respond to your call and behold your glory this day, that we might reflect your light for all to see. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus is our shepherd. He is the Light that leads us through the darkest valleys, anoints us with love, fills our cup to overflowing, and brings us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

**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 "The Reason I Sing" Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith  
CUMC Adult Choir Insert

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still water, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed 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

*"You are Mine"*

TFWS #2218

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: God is calling you out of the darkness!

**All: Repent and step into the light.**

One: Christ's love is for all who will receive it.

**All: Praise God for His grace and mercy.**

One: May we hear the Lord say to each of us,

**All: "Rise and anoint him: this is the one!"**

**May it be so. 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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