

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 26, 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

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come, all who are weary.

**All: Here, we wait for the Lord.**

One: Come, all who have turned away from God.

**All: Here, we find forgiveness and healing.**

One: Come, all who look for hope.

**All: Here, we embrace God's steadfast love.**

One: Come, and fill your hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

**All: Let us praise God!**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: "How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams? In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God." May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, 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 130

THE GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"The Beginning of the End, or The Real Beginning?"*

Tim 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

**O Lord, there are times when we are so lost we forget to look to you. Forgive us when we turn away from your love. Forgive us when we doubt our own feelings and the feelings of others. Forgive us when we forget that your Holy Spirit dwells within us. Help us see your love and your presence in our lives. Help us trust you no matter what life may bring, and help us follow you faithfully. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, the steadfast love and redeeming power of God is with you today and always. You are forgiven.

**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

*Two Canticles for lent by Thomas Keesecker:  
"Create in Me a Clean Heart & Out of the Depth"  
CUMC Adult Choir*

***Create in Me a Clean Heart***

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Amen

***Out of the Depths***

Out of the depths I call to you!  
Lord, hear my voice; I cry for help!  
Waiting in hope, I long for you!  
Pardon our sins; have mercy, Lord!  
Redeem us, Lord, with steadfast love.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Abundant God, thank you for the gifts we bring to you. May these gifts bring new life to those who are in need in our community and in the world. In your beloved 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                    *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*                    TFWS #2129

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Brothers, sister, and siblings in Christ, may the love of God, the life of Christ, and the presence of the Spirit be with you now and always.

**All: Go in peace. 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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