

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m. *Second Sunday in Lent/Communion Sunday* March 5, 2023

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

### PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Come Flood This Heart of Mine"*

by David Lantz III/ Arr. Craig Courtney

CUMC Adult Choir

### 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 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* Verses 1, 2, 4 UMH #327

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: God calls with a blessing.

**All: Our blessing comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

One: God calls with a promise.

**All: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

One: God calls through the Spirit.

**All: Our help is in God.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: God, of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 HEBREW READING Genesis 12:1-4a

THE PSALM READING Psalm 121

THE GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Half a Christian?"* Rev. Jane Kim

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 *"Grace"* by Carolyn Hamlin  
CUMC Adult Choir

Lord, as I seek Your guidance for the day,  
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;  
But when I bow to You, the challenges You guide me through,  
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

(Refrain)

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me.  
Your hand will protect me. I rest in Your care.  
Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me,  
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

Each new day's design is charted by Your hand  
and graciously revealed as I seek Your master plan.  
Keep my footsteps faithful when from You I go.  
Return me to the joy that Your blessings can bestow.

(Refrain)

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

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**God, our help and our hope, bless these gifts, that they may bring help to the needy**

**and hope to the despairing. Bless us this day, that our very lives may be gifts of help and hope for your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(From UMH Pgs. 9-11)*

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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 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* UMH #526

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As you have been helped, God sends you to help God's world.

**All: We go with Christ to restore others with love.**

One: Go to share God's salvation with kindness and compassion for all.

**All: We go with open hearts to share the love of God.**

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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