

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Sanctuary" 2X

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

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us gather in this space.

All: We gather from many places.

One: Let us center ourselves for worship.

All: We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

One: Let us receive God's blessing.

All: God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Breath of God, forgive and renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. 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 47

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 5:6-11

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Forgive Us"

Rev. Jane Kim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Life-giving God, we receive your blessing every day. Often, your love is generous. We worship and pray. We fall short of what we think you expect of us. Thank you for your abundant mercy. We open our hearts to receive it. Draw us closer to you. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our faithful prayers and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion. Christ advocates on our behalf; through him we 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

"Soon and Very Soon" by Andrae Crouch / arr. Jack Schrader
CUMC Adult Choir

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah!

we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah!

we are going to see the King.

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Endless source of life, bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR 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. Amen.

*HYMN

"O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice" Verses 1, 2, 3,

UMH #391

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Christ is lifted up!

All: As he withdrew, he offered a blessing.

One: Receive his blessing today and be commissioned to serve God in this world.

All: May we offer healing to the broken and care to the empty.

One: Go to transform the world through your faithfulness and forgiveness.

All: 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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