

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

June 11, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Mercy" by Susan Bentall Boersman/Music by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant me Your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love,
You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one, who seeks Your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.

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

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified" UMH #68

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come into God's presence.

All: All are welcome here.

One: Come, saints and sinners alike.

All: We are all God's children.

One: Faith has brought us here.

All: Grace will make us whole.

One: Come! Let us worship.

And together let us pray.

All: Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ's 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 33:1-12

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 4:13-25

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jeff Ridley

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

Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us. We long to set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now. We are tired of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children. Fill us with your grace, that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the grace of God, our faith has made us well. In the grace of Christ, our faith has led us home. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our faith has made us whole.

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

"Come, Follow Me"

Joel Raney

Come, follow Me, the Savior cries, gather to My side, leave the world behind.
Put your trust in God, and follow My footsteps, I will shepherd you and be your guide.

Come, follow Me, pick up your cross and follow where I lead.
Come, follow Me, I will be your shepherd, you, My lamb. Come, follow Me.

My guiding light will shine like the day. I will never leave you lost and alone.
My peace will comfort you, as you travel on, and My grace will abide.
My grace will abide and bring you home.

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. In Jesus' name, 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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

UMH # 399

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go to the places God sends you.

All: Bless the people Christ, calls you to bless.

One: Strengthen the faith of the hopeless and despairing

All: Go with God's blessings. 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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