

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

June 25, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* UMH #601

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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

All: Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

One: For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

All: In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

One: Your people everywhere glorify your name.

All: For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.

One: Turn to us and be gracious.

All: Amen.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. 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 86:1-10, 16-17

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1b-11

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Faithful and True"

Rev. Jane Kim

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

Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life. Free us to love as completely as you love. Help us find our worth, not be lifting ourselves above others, but by accepting that we belong to you. May our fulfillment be found, not in what we hold onto, but in what we freely give in your name. Free us, dear God, to live without fear, following wherever your Spirit leads. In the spirit of Christ's compassion, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The one who frees us from selfishness fills us with God's selfless love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

"Faithful"

Mark Hayes

(Refrain)

You are faithful, O God. Your mercies are new every morning.

Your compassions have never failed me.

They are constant as each day's dawning.

No matter how the winds of change may blow across my life,

You're my sure foundation.

You're my rock of ages. You're my only salvation, the One on whom I call.

You are faithful, O God. You are my All in All. You are my all.

When I don't understand, I will wait on You.
When Life brings harsh demands, I will wait on You.
When I'm lost and all alone, I will wait on You.
When I'm fearful and hope is gone, I will wait on You.

When I'm in despair, when my way is not clear,
When my needs have weighed me down,
when my help is nowhere to be found, I will wait on You.

(Refrain)

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous God, your morning sun gives life, your evening breeze refreshes the soul. As life grows to its fullest this summer, let us give generously and repeatedly. Through our gifts, may the hungry be fed, the lonely find good friends, and the grieving find comfort. With these offerings, we offer our own lives, that we may rise again to live with you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

FAREWELL TO REV. JANE H. KIM, PASTOR Insert

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 *"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) by Jonas & Matt Redman* Insert
Mark Esposito - Trumpet

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We believe in a God of new beginnings!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: May the grace of Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit bring hope to our hearts and peace to God's world.

All: 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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