

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

July 30, 2023

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

PRELUDE Eric Cortright

INTROIT "Canon of Praise"
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 "Trust and Obey" UMH #467
(Verses 1,2, and 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing God's praise

All: Give thanks to the Lord above.

One: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

All: Proclaim God's wonderful works.

One: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

All: Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love.

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. When all seems lost, you heal our hearts and give us strength to carry on. Set our hearts and minds on you, Great Spirit, that we may know your abiding presence and your never-failing love. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Rev. Sue H. Yun

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 29:15-28

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 8:26-39

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed" Rev. Sue H. Yun

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, as we seek you, search our hearts and ease our troubled spirits. Where we are frightened and unsure of your love, restore us with the assurance of your grace. Even when we give up too easily, we long for the courage to reach for new beginnings. We yearn to know deep in our bones that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from your great love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Remember, beloved children of God, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God. Give thanks to God for this marvelous gift.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Let us share our gifts to make God's deeds known among the peoples. May our gifts and offerings glorify God and tell of Christ's wonderful works.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Wonderful Is Your Name" Eric Cortright
Comp. Melvin Crispell III

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God, you bless us with your gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy. For this earth and its bounty, we give you our thanks. For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you our praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. 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 *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH #369

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: If God is for us, what more do we need?

All: Nothing can separate us from Christ's gracious love.

One: If Christ is with us, what can stop us?

All: Nothing can keep us from sharing Christ's gifts of love and strength.

One: Go with love as our guide.

All: God is our constant companion.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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