ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m. July 9, 2023

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT TBD UMH #?

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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH #340

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

All: In Christ we find rest.

One: Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

All: In Christ, we see God's ways.

One: Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

All: In Christ, we know God's love.
One: Come, for Christ calls us here.

All: You have walked many miles with us, O God. You have comforted and

strengthened us along the way. Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way. As we learn to live in your ways, help us choose the cause of

justice and righteousness. 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Jesus' Invitation to Take His Yoke" Rev. Sue H. Yun

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.

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 "Spirit of God" John Carter

CUMC Adult Choir

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; thro' all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies, But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?

All, Thine own soul, heart, and strength and mind.

I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and let me find.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The kindling of the heav'n descending Dove, My heart an alter, and Thy Love the flame!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous God, may these gifts celebrate your name among the nations. May the lives we live celebrate your name for all time and all generations. Receive these offerings as signs of our praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

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

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UMH #95

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth with the confidence of Rebekah, who left everything behind to follow God.

Go forth with the delight of Paul, who felt freedom to follow Christ.

Go forth with the joy of the Holy Spirit, who dances with praise throughout creation.

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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