

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SPECIAL SERVICE OF HEALING**

10 a.m. August 20, 2023

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

PRELUDE Patricia Hansen
INTROIT "God So Loved the World" 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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH #66

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, come into our hearts today.

All: Heal us from all our pain.

One: Lord, come into our lives today.

All: Bring us hope and peace.

One: Come, let us worship God who brings hope and peace.

All: Praise be to God for God's healing mercies. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of healing and mercy, remind us again of your power to heal us. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for you in this World. AMEN.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

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 1 Kings 17:17-24

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:13-16

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 7:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Prayer of a Righteous Person" 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

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Feel the touch of Christ on your heart! You are healed and forgiven! Rejoice! God is with you now and always!

All: Thanks be to God. AMEN.

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God gives us the opportunity to share from our bounty for the ministries of our church that Christ's redeeming love may be known to all people. Let us joyfully receive our morning offering.

WEEKLY OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "My Life is in Your Hands" UMC Adult Choir
Kirk Franklin, Arr. by Carol Cymbala

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, receive our gifts and our lives. Cause all of these blessings to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us for safekeeping. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

