

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 27, 2023

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

PRELUDE "Peace Within These Walls" comp. James Southbridge

INTROIT "As the Deer" TFWS #2025

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 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" UMH #110

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in God

All: who calls us to worship

One: Our hope is in love

All: that calls us to care

One: Come let us bring our full selves to worship

All: Let us bring our full love and care.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence as we worship this day. Bless us with your love as we grow in love and mature faith. Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in the world. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Lori Benzoni

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 Exodus 1:8-2:10

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 12:1-8

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:13-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who Do You Think I Am"

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and left undone. We have not loved you fully, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our help is in God, the maker of heaven and earth. God is our rock, a fortress of mercy and grace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Sisters and brothers, as Paul encouraged the earliest Christians, I invite you now to present yourselves and your gifts as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Will Sing Praise to the Lord (Psalm 146)" Eric Cortright
Comp. Tom Jennings

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Ever-giving God, help us give as fully to you and to your world as you have given to us. Transform our gifts with your love, that they may become vessels of your love for others. 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

“Christ for the World We Sing”

UMH #568

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

My friends, we are the body of Christ, built on the foundation of God’s grace. Go now to love and serve in your unique and individual ways. As people connected in call and in love, give yourselves fully to God and God’s world.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

“Thank you, Lord”

comp. Benton Price

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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