

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 6, 2023

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

## PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Freely Given"* CUMC Adult Choir  
*Words by Susan Bentall Boersma. Arranged by David Lantz III*

## 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 *"He is Exalted"* TFWS #2070

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Are you hungry for a word of hope?

**All: We come to be fed and nourished.**

One: Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

**All: We long to see and believe.**

One: Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

**All: We are ready!**

One: Come let us worship.

**All: O God, even when our faith falters, we will not let you go. Even though we are ashamed by our lack of faith, we will not let you go. Because you meet us in our utmost need, we will not let you go. Strive with us until dawn, O Lord, we will not let you go. We need your blessing now more than ever. We will not let you go. 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 Genesis 32:22-31

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 9:1-5

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:13-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"True Miracle"* Rev. Sue H. Yun

## INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude until all were satisfied. Faced with a hungry world, God invites us to offer our gifts, that God's bounty may be shared with those in need. May Christ see our faith and multiply our gifts, that all might be satisfied.**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

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

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Source of Compassion, you meet our needs. May our gifts become loaves and fish for those who hunger. May our offerings become love and light for those who feel lost and afraid. Bless our lives and our ministries, that we may be a people who share our abundance with those who live in want. In our living and in our giving, may the world be fed and made whole again. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(From UMH Pgs. 9-11)* Insert  
*Communion Anthem: "One Bread, One Body"*

## 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 *"Here I am, Lord"* UMH #593

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: We are blessed by the hand that leads us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

**All: We go with God's blessings.**

One: We are blessed by the one who heals our wounds and makes us whole.

**All: We go with the blessings of the one who meets us face to face.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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