

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 13, 2023

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

PRELUDE Eric Cortright

INTROIT "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" 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 to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139
(verses 1,2,4, and 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord!

All: Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

One: Sing to God, sing praises!

All: Rise up your song in our souls

One: Tell of God's wonderful works!

All: Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

One: Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

All: We grow strong in your power and might.

One: Remember all that God has done!

All: You shape our lives through every challenge.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: We praise you, Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life's storms and raging waters, be with us in our time of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys, that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 37:1-4, 12-28

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 10:5-15

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:22-33

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Come" 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

Lord of all our journeys, like Joseph's brothers, we too find expedient ways to get rid of our problems; we too have cracks in our own families that deepen with every unkind word and the rejection of those we should love. God of hope, like Joseph, we too can find ourselves victims of violence, trapped in the dark, dragged against our will; we too can feel abandoned by those who should love us. In this quiet space of worship, we gather up every thread of pain and lay them in your warm embrace, placing our trust in you alone. We are your family. We belong to you. Wash us in your forgiveness and your strength and hold us in your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Everyone who risks the uncertain walk of faith receives aid from the one who calms the waters.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The richness of God's mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel.

WEEKLY OFFERING

