

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

10 a.m.

October 1, 2023

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

PRELUDE "Communion" by Reginald Martin

INTROIT "Welcome" CUMC Adult Choir  
By Mark Miller *previously recorded*

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

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!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMCH #61

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of glory awaits,

**All: welcoming us to worship and praise.**

One: The Christ of humility is here,

**All: welcoming our needs and prayers.**

One: The Spirit of love gathers us in,

**All: binding us together as one.**

OPENING PRAYER

**All: God of wondrous love and glorious deeds, shower us with your love and quench our thirst for grace. Strengthen us with your Spirit of power and embolden us to live our faith. Humble us with the example of Christ and remind us to regard one another as beloved children of God. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi  
Congregation sings "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 17:1-7

THE EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-13

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23-32

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Massah and Meribah" Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Most Gracious God, you hold each person's life as more precious than we can imagine. When we turn aside from following your way, you urgently call us back to your way. Send your Spirit to give us a new heart to live as faithful people who show forgiveness to others. We dedicate our lives and our money to help share your good news with our neighbors. We pray through Christ your Son, who gave his life for the sake of the world. Amen.**

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Give Thanks" Jeong-Hwa Park  
by Henry Smith/arr. Mark Hayes *Piano Solo*

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Beloved and loving God, bless these gifts, that they may bring unity to a world in strife. Bless our lives, that we may bring love to everyone we meet. Bless our church, that our fellowship may be a place of unity and inclusion for all. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION Insert

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

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

UMH #140

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May God quench your thirst with love;

May Christ Jesus strengthen you;

And may the Holy Spirit lead you on and make your joy complete.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,**

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”*

*By Johann Konig/arr. Roger Wilson*

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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