

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

September 10, 2023

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

PRELUDE "Jesus Calls Us" *comp. Lani Smith*

INTROIT "Just As I Am" *by Charlotte Eliot*

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 "10,000 Reasons" *Insert*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing a new song to God.

All: Sing of light and hope.

One: Dance with laughter and joy.

All: Dance with hearts full of love.

One: Rejoice with strings and drums.

All: Rejoice with justice and peace.

One: Sing a new song to God.

OPENING PRAYER

Ancient of days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care. May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another. In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday School Student Receiving Bible: Grace Anne 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 12:1-14

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 13:8-14

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love & Law" *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)*

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In Christ, all gifts are welcome, both great and small. Bathed in love, led by compassion, let us share our gifts and offerings with God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "House of the Lord" *CUMC Adult Choir*
Comp. Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God. Bless them with your grace, that those who receive them may find compassion and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (From UMH Pgs. 9-11) *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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" *TFWS #2223*

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Just as God has called us here, God now sends us forth.

All: Just as God has joined us here, God goes with us now.

One: Go with the power of God to love and serve the world.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

"Majestic Postlude"

comp. Mark L. Williams

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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