ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROMISE & SURRENDER ~ A SPECIAL SERVICE OF HEALING

10 a.m. September 17, 2023

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

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

by Charles Gounod

INTROIT "Let's Sing Unto the Lord" **CUMC Adult Choir**

by Carlos Rosas

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. All:

The risen Christ is with us. One:

All: Praise the Lord!

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" *HYMN **UMH #396**

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us give thanks to God together, for our God always keeps His promises! One: Let us sing songs and praises together,

for our God always keeps His promises! All: One: Let us feel His presence among us today, for our God always keeps His promises!

One: Let us remember all the wonderful things He has done,

All: for our God always keeps His promises!

OPENING PRAYER

All:

God, we gather together this morning to sing your praises. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit to be your people. You sent your Son into the world to save us and to show us how to live in him. Help us to be humble like him before you. As we worship you, revive our spirits so that our worship can be acceptable to you, O God. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Virginia Lorenzi "Children's Message" Congregation sings "Jesus Loves the Little Children" - Lyrics inserted in bulletin

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so scattered, O God:

We flit from cause to cause:

We are easily distracted by the next important thing;

We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.

Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.

Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.

Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,

as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22: 1-8

Philippians 2: 5-8 THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 19: 16-22

One: The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God. All:

"Blessings of Surrender" **SERMON**

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God gives us the opportunity to share from our bounty for the ministries of our church that Christ's redeeming love may be known to all people. Let us joyfully receive our morning offering.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

"Make My Life an Alleluia" OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ruth Elaine Schram

UMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God, you call us to be generous, not when all the bills are paid, not when we have everything we need, not when we see our way clear. You call us to be generous now, in this present moment, trusting in your provision. And so we give freely, as we have received your grace freely. We love fully as we have been fully loved. Bless offerings brought before you and bless the ministries that these offerings support. 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.

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

"I Surrender All" *HYMN

UMH #354

(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Go with the blessings of almighty God:

Go in peace and be a blessing for everyone you meet. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in G"

by Gerald Peterson

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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