

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Step By Step with O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*
 UMC Adult Choir
 Arr. By Bruce Greer

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord of our lives, teach us how to use our money and our possessions. Deliver us from stinginess and wasteful extravagance; inspire our giving with the spirit of true generosity. Help us always to remember your generous love for us, that we may be wise and faithful stewards of the good gifts you have given us. In the name of your only Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. 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 wars o, God. Amen.

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

*HYMN *"Where He Leads Me"* UMH #338
 (Verses 1, 3, and 4)

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go from this place to share the gifts that you have been given with a world in need.

All: **We go in peace and confidence to serve the Lord in the world as good stewards. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"Praise to God the Father"*
 by Franklin Ritter

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