

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST ~ REFORMATION SUNDAY**

10 a.m.

October 29, 2023

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

PRELUDE

*"Autumn"  
by Cecile Chaminade*

INTROIT

*"Come, All You People"  
by Alexander Gondo*

CUMC Adult Choir

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, We That Love the Lord"*

UMH #732

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The generous love of God abounds.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.**

One: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

**All: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.**

One: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

**All: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.**

One: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

**All: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Oh God, this is not just a place for people to meet each other, but a place for you to meet us. We have made it the best place that we can to greet you with honor.**

**Everything we bring here comes from you. So, here we are, God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your beautiful name. Everything comes from you; all we're doing is giving back what has come from your generous hand. And so we give from**

**the heart. And we see all of us doing the same, giving freely, willingly, and with joy! All praise, honor and glory are yours forever. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER & BIBLE PRESENTATION

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"* Lori Benzoni  
Congregation sings *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God with the whole of our lives, the good, the bad, and the holy.  
Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, at times we have delusions of grandeur, and we forgot to see what is small – the falling leaf that holds the beauty of creation; the kind word that is a testament to grace; the child who is vital not only for the future but for the present. Help us to remember our place in this world you made, to give thanks for things great and small, to be humble and hopeful. And hear us now as in silence we open our heart to you.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, this is the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

One: And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

**All: Let us greet with world as people made new in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, speak to us as individuals and as a congregation, so that we will fear nothing but sin, desire nothing but you, and live as part of your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURES

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:10-12

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 6:17-19

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:19-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Where Is Your Treasure? Where Is Your Heart?"*

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Because God always has a place for us, we come in thanksgiving. We celebrate the abundance of God’s grace and welcome by sharing our gifts, that others may experience that welcome.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"I'm So Blessed"*

UMC Adult Choir with Special Guests, Grace & Ryan Benzoni

*Music by Logan Cain, Tayler Cain, Madison Cain, Matthew West & Jonathan Smith*

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Generous God, in abundance we gather before you. We open our spirits to you. You invite us to be generous in your name to all. Help us to share your many blessings through our own generous gifts, in our community and around the world through Mission & Service. 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.**

\*HYMN

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* (verses 1,2, & 4)

UMH #396

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Be good stewards of the gifts you have received, so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do. And may the abundant love of God surround you, may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you, and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*"Gavotte"*  
*by J.S. Bach*

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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