ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m. October 8, 2023

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

PRELUDE *"We Gather Together"*
by Franklin Ritter

INTROIT *"Canon of Praise"* CUMC Adult Choir
by Pachelbel/arr. Hal Hopson *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 *"To God Be the Glory''* UMH #98

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, you are God. There is no other God but you.
All: We renounce all that we have allowed to come between us.
One: O Lord, we worship you. We praise and honor your name.
All: We worship you on this, your holy day.
One: For your love, for your word, for all that you have given:
All: O Lord, we thank you and praise you. We love you.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise. You speak and our hearts rejoice. You command, and our eyes are opened. The sound of our voice brings revival to our souls. Your words are purer than the finest gold. True and righteous one, living Word, light our way.

As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)*

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, we have come before you with unclean lips and hearts.
All: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
One: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
All: Cleanse and sanctify us through your Word.
One: Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
All: and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Have no fear; leave the past behind. Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize, for the life to be found in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, praise God. You are forgiven!
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 19:1-25

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-8

THE GOSPEL READING John 14:5-14

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"The Best Preparation for Worship"* Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings. Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Gratitude"* Tyler Stankiewicz, Soloist
by Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake & Donte Bowe

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. 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.

*HYMN *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"* UMH #349

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

All: in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE "*The Lord is King!*"
by Edward Broughton

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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