

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ~ BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

10 a.m.

November 26, 2023

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

PRELUDE

*"Andantino"*  
by Edward MacDowell

INTROIT

*"Come. Ye Thankful People, Come"*  
by George Elvey/arr. by Don Chapman

CUMC Adult Choir  
*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

*"Our God is an Awesome God"* (2x)

TFWS #2040

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

**All: Praise God with lives of compassion**

One: Sing with acts of kindness.

**All: Glorify God with acts of mercy.**

One: Praise God with works of justice.

**All: Praise God with overflowing love.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*"Children's Message"*

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:37-42

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:18-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

TESTIMONY

A Walk to Emmaus

Virginia Lorenzi

SERMON

*"The Gift of Baptism"*

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**With hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts and treasures to share with those in need of God's love.**

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Together in Thanksgiving"*  
by Stan Pethel

CUMC Adult Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

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

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Shepherd of love, transform these gifts into nourishment for a hungry world. May they offer shelter from the storms of life. May they bring kindness and compassion to the lost and the lonely. Transform us, even as you transform these gifts that we might be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.**

