

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~BAPTISMAL COVENANT~

10 a.m.

August 18, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Pat Hansen

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

All: Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

One: God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

All: Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.

One: God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

All: Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.

One: Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

All: Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

One: O God of Consistency, how good it is to hear your Word. How good it is to experience your Word for ourselves! For you are a God who keeps your Word! Close-up God, you sent us Jesus to show us how to match our words with our actions. For Jesus, there could be no "God bless you" without providing actual blessings. For Jesus, there could be no lip service to inclusiveness, but his ministry was to the poor

and rich, to the Jew and to the Gentile, to the righteous and to the unrighteous, to the young and to the old, to men and to women. We continue to be honored by the grace that poured from Jesus' lips and his actions.

All: This Sunday we want to work to be consistent. We want to work to shed that "other face" and just show "one face" to the world. Teach us how to be consistent in all that we say and do. Deliver us from "nice-nastiness." Take these earthen vessels we call our lives and make us "doers" of your Word. Just as we depend on you, God, let others be able to depend on us. Put in us the desire to be *real*. Make us "Examples of Your Word." In the name of the One who embraced us and showed us how to embrace the unembraceable, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT SERVICE

Insert

We celebrate the baptism of Henry James Silva, son of Annie & Micael Silva and baby brother to James & Heidi Silva. Henry's Sponsors are Miguel Vasco Lopes & Catia Matos Silva. May God bless them all.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant.

How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day?

All: How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: In Christ, God sent redemption for all.

In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.

In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation to thirsty people.

All: We give thanks to God for everything: forgiveness, hope, new life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Benediction”

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We see God’s work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God’s covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God’s instruments in the world, as we collect today’s offering.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

An African American Spiritual
Kim Gill & Debbie Holland, Vocal Duet

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Beloved of God, go from this place blessed with: Peace!

All: Yes!

One: Joy!

All: Yes!

One: Wisdom!

All: Yes!

One: And grace to share with all!

All: Yes! Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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