

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## “BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS”

10 a.m.

September 8, 2024

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

PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*

by Robert Hughes

INTROIT

*Welcome*

by Mark Miller

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

*He’s Got the Whole World*

Song Sheet in Pew

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Place your trust in God.

**All: God’s faithfulness is unshakeable.**

One: May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

**All: May our faithfulness be unshakeable.**

One: May our words and actions be good and true.

**All: May we grow in godliness each and every day.**

OPENING PRAYER

**We place our trust in you, O God, for your love and faithfulness are steadfast and true. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our worship and your very presence into our lives, that our love and faithfulness may be steadfast and true. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Rev. Sue H. Yun & Jeff Ridley

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

**Creator God, you create all people in your image. When we neglect the needs of the poor, raise our commitment to care for others and to help create justice for all. When favoritism and prejudice blind us, and when we exclude and demean others, focus us on your inclusive love, a love that welcomes us and calls us to welcome others. Live in us and through us, that our lives and our actions may reflect your image in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God is good

**All: all the time.**

One: And all the time,

**All: God is good.**

One: In God’s goodness, we touch goodness.

**All: In God’s love, we receive love.**

One: In God’s grace and mercy,

**All: we find fellowship with God’s people.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FROM THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:20-21

Mark 1:14-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Where is Kingdom of God?”

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God has chosen the poor as heirs of God’s kingdom. God calls us to value the needs of this world more highly than we value silver and gold. May our offerings reflect the values to which God calls us.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Playing*

CUMC Adult Choir

by Ken Mederna & Jack Schrader

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation, that all may know your presence and live in your grace. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

\*HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS #2173

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go as God's children.

**All: We go as Christ's hands and feet.**

One: Go as God's faithful followers.

**All: We go to live our faith with love in action.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *A Time for New Beginning*  
by Lani Smith

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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