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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BAPTISMAL COVENANT ~ PROFESSION OF FAITH VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

10 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

I Know Whom I Have Believed
by Roger C. Wilson

INTROIT

From the Day You Were Born
by Russell Nagy

CUMC 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
(Verses 1, 2, 3)

Song Sheet in Pew

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator God, you give us life, and we thank you!

All: Risen Christ, you bless us with your grace, and we praise you!

One: Holy Spirit, you give us the power to create and to work, to love and to bless.

**All: You have given us such rich and wonderful gifts! We come to you joyfully,
grateful for your generosity**

One: Earth is generous with food and air, with color and beauty.

All: You are generous with grace and blessing, with love and grace.

One: Teach us, God, how to be generous. Tell us again the story of your grace, so that we may become a part of it.

All: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we empty our hearts out before you. Receive us, and bless us with your Word. Fill us with your grace, that we may perfectly reflect your glory. As the

scriptures are read and your good news proclaimed, help us to hear, and to be changed. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

*HYMN *America* UMH #697
Verses 1,2,4

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT SERVICE Insert
We celebrate the baptism of Ryan William Smith, Brooke Elaine Grassano and Hailey Rhodes Grassano. Ryan is the son of Jeffrey Smith & Diane DiLeo. Ryan's Sponsors are Geoffrey & Kathleen Ahuja. Brooke & Hailey are the daughters of Cynthia & James Grassano. Brooke's sponsors are Erin Bohenek & Izzy Grassano. Hailey's sponsors are Justin Bohenek & Anthony Grassano.

Today we also celebrate the profession of faith of Jeffrey Smith, Diane DiLeo and James Grassano as they join the United Methodist Church. May God bless them all.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are your people, Gracious Lord, because we think that we love you above all else. Yet, in our most honest moments, we must confess that there are many things in our lives, in our thoughts, and in our actions, that an unbiased observer would find curious because we offer contrary evidence. We put other gods before you: success, money, fame, power, even life itself. We are well intentioned. We do not mean to be faithless, but the pressures of job, school, family, and our need for acceptance seduce us to be less than who you call us to be. Almighty God. Forgive us and offer us new glimpses into the heavenly realms so that we might once again catch a vision of the divine truth that you offer to us.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God fulfills his promises and is true to his word. We have confessed our sins. God has forgiven us, because Christ died for us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL: Romans 6:12-23

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Giving the Best" Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Like the people of Israel long ago, the children of God long for freedom in every age. We long for freedom from injustice and brokenness; we long for freedom from everything that holds us back from God and the new life God promises. That is what the ministry of this church is about: walking with God on our long journey, remembering God's goodness each step of the way, feeling God's presence with us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God Is My Shepherd* Deborah Holland
by Anton Dvorak Vocal Soloist

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As your people, Lord, we want to do the right and righteous thing for the sake of Jesus' kingdom, but we are anxious and afraid. We pray "give us this day our daily bread," but we worry "what-if...". Give us the courage and confidence to give of our time and treasure in a way that reveals authentic confidence in your promise to always abide with us. Make us a generous people who are freed from worry and anxiety about the things of the earth. Bless these gifts we offer you as a reflection of our true faith. Amen.

*HYMN *Seek Ye First* UMH #405

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen. (NUMBERS 6:24-26)

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

POSTLUDE *He Cares for Me*
by Lee Ellis

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS