

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Friends, as people who long for a better country, not one of escape, but one of love, justice, and grace we offer ourselves and our gifts to God. Let us give not out of obligation, but out of faith, faith in a God who is building something better, and who invites us to be part of it. Let us give with joy.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus* Eric Cortright
Composed by R. Lowry

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God.
Faithful God, we thank You for calling us to follow You, not into ease or escape, but into a hope-filled journey toward something greater than we can imagine. Thank You for the examples of faith passed down through Scripture, for saints who kept walking, kept trusting, and kept longing for your better way. Thank You for Jesus, who went before us, and for the Spirit who goes with us now. We give thanks not only for what You have done, but for what You are doing and will do because You are always preparing something good. Receive our gratitude, Lord, and help us live it out. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Children of God, by faith, God has brought us this far. Go now in the blessing of the God who goes before you and behind you, surrounding you on all sides with grace as we journey toward a better country in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond. **Amen.**

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

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.
the conviction of things not seen*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 10, 2025

INTROIT *His Name is Wonderful* 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: As neighbors and friends, let's share our love in the Spirit with signs of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

*HYMN *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* TFWS #2031

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

All: **By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

All: **By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

All: **By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

All: **By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious and faithful God, we gather this morning as your people hopeful, searching, and sometimes weary. We come with dreams unfulfilled, prayers unanswered, and yet a faith that still holds on. Open our eyes to see your promises, even when they are not yet visible. Open our hearts to long for the better country you are preparing, a place of peace, justice, and love. As we worship, give us courage to journey forward in faith, to trust in what we cannot see, and to live as your people in a world that still aches for redemption. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Our faith is not in vain. The God who calls us is faithful. Even when we stumble, God walks with us. Even when we doubt, God believes in us. Even when we wander, God prepares the way home. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are free. We are being made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Desire a Better Country" Rev. Sue H. Yun