

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses— those who have given themselves in love and service so that we might know Christ. Let us now continue that legacy, offering our gifts, our lives, and our faith for the joy set before us. As we give, we give not only to a church, but to the communion of saints, and to the unfolding of God’s kingdom here and now.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>And the Father will Dance</i> by Mark Hayes	CUMC Adult Choir Previously Recorded
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS	See Insert
*HYMN	<i>Come, We That Love the Lord</i> UMH #732

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Children of God, go now in the presence of the great cloud of witnesses and in the blessing of God who forms us for community. May you find in God and one another the joy to persevere as we follow after Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as we seek God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

FAREWELL	<i>Go Now in Peace (2x)</i>	UMH #665
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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



...and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross...

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August 17, 2025
A Healing Service

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

A HEALING SERVICE

August 17, 2025

INTROIT

I've Got Peace Like River

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

All: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

One: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

All: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

One: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

All: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.

One: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

All: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.

One: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and glory, we gather as your people: saints and seekers, doubters and dreamers, each of us held in your mercy. Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we come to run the race set before us, to fix our eyes on Jesus, and to live in the joy of your presence. Meet us in this hour of worship. Shape our hearts. Renew our faith. Strengthen our community, that we may walk with hope and live with love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God, saying,

All: What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away. Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, hear the good news: Though we falter, Christ does not. Though we grow weary, God's Spirit sustains us. Though we are imperfect saints, God's love is perfect, and God's grace is more than enough.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are renewed. We are surrounded by grace and sent forward with joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"For the Sake of the Joy"

Rev. Sue H. Yun