

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As people who have received an unshakeable promise, we now respond with lives of gratitude. We give—not out of fear or obligation— but because we’ve been welcomed into a community of hope, joy, and belonging. Even in a world that trembles, our giving becomes a foundation for others— a way to build justice, extend mercy, and embody the love of Christ. Let us give, as those who know what it means to be held by a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>Canon of Praise</i> Johann Pachebel / arr. Hal Hopson	CUMC Adult Choir Previously Recorded
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	UMH #368
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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Go now in the blessing of God’s love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God’s promises as you work for a world of justice and mercy for all. Amen.

FAREWELL	<i>Go Now in Peace (2x)</i>	UMH #665
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POSTLUDE	<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i> arr. by Michael Burkhardt
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<u>OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED</u>	<u>NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS</u>
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“SEE, TODAY I APPOINT YOU OVER NATIONS AND OVER KINGDOMS, TO PLUCK UP AND TO PULL DOWN, TO DESTROY AND TO OVERTHROW, TO BUILD AND TO PLANT.”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

August 24, 2025

PRELUDE

A Quiet Blessing
by Vivian Vevenger

INTROIT

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
arr. by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

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

Shine, Jesus Shine

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

All: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

One: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

All: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

One: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

All: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Gracious God, You are the God who speaks through storm and silence, the One whose presence both shakes the mountains and welcomes us home with joy. We have not come to a blazing fire or a voice of fear, but to a celebration of grace, to the city of the living God, where angels sing and Jesus invites us to draw

near. Still our racing hearts, calm our anxious minds, and open our spirits to your presence. Shake loose what keeps us from you, and root us deeply in what cannot be shaken— your love, your justice, your joy. Let this be holy ground, where your people gather to worship and where your Word finds room to dwell. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often, we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, O God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, you have not come to a God who pushes you away, but to the One who draws you near with mercy and grace. Through Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we are welcomed into the household of God, into the community of saints, into the joy of salvation. So, hear and trust this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are accepted. We are home. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Cannot Be Shaken”

Rev. Sue H. Yun