

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Let Mutual Love Continue” Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

One: Let mutual love continue. This simple yet powerful instruction reminds us that love is not just a feeling. It is a way of living, giving, and being.

All: When we give, we practice mutual love: supporting ministries, extending hospitality, and caring for the vulnerable in our midst. As we offer our gifts today, we are participating in God’s unshakable kingdom of grace and generosity. Let us give joyfully, faithfully, and in love.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus*
by Naida Hearn / arr. by Mark Hayes
Jeong-Hwa Park, Pianist

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Children of God, go from this place in the blessing of the Triune God, our Helper and our Friend, offering your sacrifice of praise and sharing what you have as you spread the love of God to the ends of the earth and back again. **Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE *The Promise of Salvation*
by Edward Broughton

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



**“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?”**

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PRELUDE

Andante Tranquillo
by Felix Mendelssohn / arr. by Todd Kendall

INTROIT

Here I Am to Worship
by Tim Hughes / arr. by Cindy Berry

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 Are Called

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

All: We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Ever-Present God, You have called us into a community of mutual love, bound together not by perfection but by grace. As we gather in worship, tune our hearts to Yours. May we hear Your voice in Scripture, sense Your presence in

prayer, and feel Your Spirit moving among us. Shape us into a people who see the unseen, who welcome the stranger, who care for the hurting, and who live love in word and deed. Let mutual love continue in this place, in our lives, in Your world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Knowing that our God journeys with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy. For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

All: God, have mercy on us and your people.

One: For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray to our God

All: God, have mercy on us and on your people.

One: For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God

All: God, have mercy on us and on your people.

One: For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God

All: God, have mercy on us and on your people. Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in mutual love and hospitality. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, God's love has gone before us, been poured out upon us, and now moves through us. Even when we fall short. Even when our love falters or fades. God's grace remains steadfast. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, and made new. Thanks be to God! Let mutual love continue. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14