

*HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* UMH #664

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

May God bless you with the clarity to recognize the world as it is, the hope to dream God's dream together, and the power to make God's dream a reality here and now.

Amen.

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

POSTLUDE *Day by Day*
by Todd Kendall

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance

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Communion Sunday**

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**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES ~ I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

by Marcus Wells

INTROIT

Be Exalted, O Lord

CUMC Adult Choir

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: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH #558

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

All: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

OPENING PRAYER

This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things,

and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 14

Luke 15:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our Hope is in the Lord”

Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In a world that often measures success by self-gain, we choose a different measure—generosity. We give because God has already given us more than we could ask or imagine: a community of faith, the gift of forgiveness, and the hope of a restored world. As we share our gifts today, we are building that community and spreading that hope. Let us offer joyfully, knowing that every gift given in love ripples out to bless others.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Think About His Love

by Walt Harrah / arr. by Mary McDonald

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Steadfast and sheltering God, you are our refuge in every age, our hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. We give not because all is well but because you are good. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS